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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF MILFORD,

CONTAINING REPORTS

OF THE

COLLECTOR, TREASURER, SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ENGINEERS, AND TRUSTEES  
OF THE TOWN LIBRARY,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 16, 1881.

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MILFORD, MASS.  
M. A. BLUNT, PRINTER.  
1881.



## To the Voters:

We herewith submit the Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town, for the year ending February 16, 1881.

### COLLECTION OF THE TAXES.

At no time (at least for many years) have our taxes been collected and paid into the treasury so closely as the present year; and much credit is due our present collector for the efficiency and energy he has manifested in the discharge of his duties. By referring to the tax collector's report, it will be seen that the whole tax for 1879 has been settled, and less than nineteen hundred dollars of the tax of 1880 remains uncollected.

### GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

At the April meeting the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars was appropriated for the purchase of new lamp-posts and lanterns. A good opportunity was offered to purchase some at a low figure, and feeling confident that iron was then as low as it would be, we purchased fifteen posts and lanterns, and kept within the appropriation; all of which have been set up and in the following localities: two on Central street, three on South Main street, three on West street, two on Mount Pleasant street, two on East Main street, two on Spruce street and one on Church street; on all of which gasoline is used.

At the April meeting the Selectmen were instructed to investigate the matter of lighting the streets with gasoline, and if they in their judgment deemed it best, to change the manner from gas to gasoline. After investigating the matter to some extent by conferring with the representatives of the companies organized for the purpose of lighting streets, and interviewing different parties who are now using the gasoline, we came to the conclusion that we would adopt it to the extent of twenty-five lamps, to wit: the fifteen new lamps, six on Main street, and four on which kerosene was then used; and



while the light itself has been very satisfactory, it is very obvious that they require a great amount of care ; although the matter of care is within the contract of lighting and is no extra expense to the town. The light is not as strong as gas (that is, against a violent wind), but as to its illuminating power, we consider it the equal of gas. The cost is much less, although burned two hours later. The Globe Co. (who now have the charge of our gasoline lights) are lighting and caring for the same for six cents each per night, which for twenty nights per month would amount to one dollar and twenty cents for each post, or fourteen dollars and forty cents per post a year, against about nineteen dollars per post, as now charged by the Milford Gas Co. for lighting *sixteen* nights per month. The above are the facts as we now understand them, and as an entire change from gas to gasoline would be a great innovation, we have no recommendations to make, but leave the whole matter for your consideration.

The appropriation for gas and street lights was two thousand dollars. The addition of fifteen new lights and the use of the Town Hall for a number of weeks during the year for a Catholic fair, has increased the expense to twenty-one hundred and eighty dollars, about eighty dollars of which has been re-paid to the Janitor for gas used.

#### HIGHWAYS.

By reference to the report of cost of repairing highways, the excess of expenditures over the appropriation may seem unprecedented. The amount appropriated for general repairs was six thousand dollars, and one thousand dollars for special repair of the Upton road, making a total of seven thousand dollars. The amount expended on highways, without making the special repairs on the Upton road, has been nine thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and nine cents, an excess of twenty-nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and nine cents, which certainly seems to require an explanation ; and in making our explanation, we desire it should be distinctly understood that we cast no reflections upon any one, or wish that any one else should bear our burdens. When the present board of Selectmen was organized, we found that a very large part of the tools belonging to the highway department had been worn out or lost, and that a large lot of the tools had been loaned to the contractor on the Main street sewer, and were there lost or never returned to the town, and could not be found ; and of

course that loss had to be made good. The roads outside the village were in the worst condition they have been for a number of years (at least that was the expression of the parties who traveled over them), which required a much heavier outlay than usual. We were at an early day threatened with indictment on two different highways. The road over Silver Hill, which in years past we were able to repair in two days' time, this year we were obliged to spend ten days' time upon. The Upton road, one of the roads on which we were threatened with indictment, we were obliged to expend nearly four hundred dollars upon at the first of the season.

Before the organization of the present board, about fourteen hundred and fifty dollars of the present year's appropriation had been expended for labor alone. Nearly six hundred dollars in addition had been expended for repairs of the old engine and a new boiler, and a new house over the boiler, which became a necessity by the increased size of the new boiler; and no part of either of these sums was directly expended for repair of the highway. And the cost of supplies while expending the fourteen hundred and fifty dollars for labor, we make no account of.

In the spring we purchased a yoke of oxen, and after working them through the season sold them for the same price we paid for them, one hundred and forty dollars, which has been paid into the treasury, and which should be placed to the credit of highways.

There were about nine hundred loads of stone on the park ready prepared for the crusher; the balance of nearly fifteen hundred loads, crushed this season, we hauled to the crusher, and have now nearly or quite twenty-three hundred loads on the park, about fifteen hundred of which are prepared for the crusher. Thus it will be seen that about thirty-eight hundred loads of stone have been placed on the park out of this year's appropriation. The reason why so many have been drawn this year, involving so much extra expense is, that at the time we commenced excavating for the sewer, it was obvious that there would be a large amount of stone taken out that it would not be good economy to dump back; and as they were taken out we were obliged to provide means to take them to the park, and that involved the employment of extra help to prepare them for the crusher, and by so doing save the extra trouble and expense of again handling them over.

Again, we would call your attention to another cause of extra expense the past season. For a number of years before this, we



have escaped the expense of road breaking ; this year we have in the north and east parts of the town had a snow blockade, which has involved a great expense.

When we commenced, we had on hand a very few bales of hay, some four or five ; we now have full six tons, which was purchased at a figure some five dollars per ton less than it is now selling for.

Perhaps some reason should be given why the special appropriation made for the Upton road was not used there ; and there exists two : First, when the time arrived at which it should have been done, there was no water to be had without carting it a long distance, at great expense ; and partly on that account it was abandoned for the time ; and also partly on account of being obliged to use the help and teams on the sewer.

The engine and crusher have been moved to the Upton road. The moving, the clearing out of the pit, and the digging of a well back of the pit, involved an expense of eighty dollars, which is charged to expense of highways.

We feel that we cannot draw this report to a close without calling the special attention of the town to what we believe to be a "penny wise and pound foolish" policy, of annually appropriating about seventy-five per cent. of what ought to be appropriated to keep our highways in a proper condition. The town has now two two-horse teams and two one-horse teams ; the four teams require four teamsters ; they, with the road-master, have to be paid for the whole year's work. Then take the actual board of the six horses and their shoeing, and you have a *certain* expense of not less than thirty-seven hundred dollars. Thus you will see that out of an appropriation of six thousand dollars, there would be but twenty-three hundred dollars with which to pay day laborers, to procure supplies, to keep good the stock of tools, to pay for what material we have to buy, and all other incidental expenses.

Thus we feel that we have in a measure given you our reasons which we offer as a justification for the excessive expenditure of the past year. And after you have given the matter a careful consideration, you will, we believe, come to the conclusion that although a large amount of money has been expended, it has been judicious economy, rather than lavish expenditure.

## Collector's Report.

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J. D. HUNT, COLLECTOR FOR 1875.

DR.

Balance uncollected	Feb. 10, 1880,	.	.	.	.	\$43 70
“	“	Feb. 18, 1881,	.	.	.	43 70

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J. D. HUNT, COLLECTOR FOR 1876.

DR.

Balance uncollected	Feb. 10, 1880,	.	.	.	.	\$65 27
Interest received,	.	.	.	.	.	60
						\$65 87

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer,	.	.	.	.	.	2 85
Balance uncollected	Feb. 8, 1881,	.	.	.	.	\$63 02

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J. D. HUNT, COLLECTOR FOR 1877.

DR.

Balance uncollected	Feb. 10, 1880,	.	.	.	.	\$394 50
Interest received,	.	.	.	.	.	20 21
						\$414 71

CR.

Abatements,	.	.	.	.	.	\$13 06
Cash paid Treasurer,	.	.	.	.	.	80 00
						\$93 06
Balance uncollected,	Feb. 18, 1881,	.	.	.	.	\$321 65

## J. H. WOOD, COLLECTOR FOR 1879.

DR.

Balance of uncollected taxes, Feb. 7, 1880, . . . \$3,112 53

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer,	. . .	\$2,562 61	
Abatements,	. . .	549 92	
		<u>          </u>	\$3,112 53

## J. H. WOOD, COLLECTOR FOR 1880.

DR.

Taxes committed in 1880,	. . .	\$82,241 67
Re-assessments,	. . .	194 73

                      
\$82,436 40

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer,	. . .	\$72,035 48	
County Treasurer,	. . .	4,161 00	
Discount,	. . .	3,717 51	
Abatements,	. . .	640 35	
Balance uncollected Feb. 22, 1881,	. . .	1,882 06	
		<u>                    </u>	\$82,436 40

Paid E. C. Clafin, discount for early payment of County tax,	. . .	\$31 00
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# Treasurer's Report,

For the Year ending Feb. 22, 1881.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 16, 1880,	\$9,429 63
Received of J. D. Hunt, Collector, tax for 1876,	2 85
J. D. Hunt, Collector, tax for 1877,	80 00
J. H. Wood,       "       "       1879,	2,562 61
"       "       "       1880,	72,035 48
Borrowed of Milford National Bank,	8,000 00
Milford Music Hall Co.,	5,000 00
Received of Edward A. Brown, County Treasurer, rent	
of court room,	300 00
Edward A. Brown, County Treasurer, dog tax,	428 08
Chas. Endicott, State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,788 98
"       "       bank tax,	1,100 74
"       "       armory rent,	300 00
"       "       state aid,	1,450 00
"       "       "       "	2,433 50
"       "       indigent soldiers,	702 89
Edward A. Gleason,       "       school fund,	303 11
Kidder, Peabody & Co., int. on Hopk'n R.R. bonds,	489 00
Milford & Woonsocket R.R., dividend on stock,	1,000 00
B. H. Montague, rent of Town Hall,	308 50
"       "       lock-up,	227 90
Forepaugh & Co., circus license, 1879,	30 00
European Circus Co.,       "       "	30 00
Seth P. Carpenter, hall license, 1879-80,	67 00
Wm. A. Pond & Co., billiard license,	20 00
B. F. Cheney,       "       "	20 00
Alfred Goucher,       "       "	10 00
Thomas Kelley,       "       "	10 00
A. Hixon, auctioneer's license,	2 00
A. L. Hixon,       "       "	2 00
G. C. Thayer,       "       "	2 00
John Miller, rent of ground, old cemetery,	5 00
A. Florence,       "       "	5 00
P. McGarry, for stone,	75
Patrick Lynch, for road scrapings,	5 50
Asa Pond,       "       "	2 25

Received of Fire Department, work done by Town teams,		\$27 50
P. McGarry,	" "	37 25
Chas. Waters,	" "	10 00
Washington Engine Co.,	" "	10 00
Leonard Hunt,	" "	1 50
Chas. Cheney,	" "	1 50
O. B. Parkhurst,	" "	2 00
Wm. Staples,	" "	1 33
Sumner Sweet,	" "	2 50
James Eldridge,	" "	3 75
Heath Bros.,	" "	7 00
Moses Walker,	" "	6 00
Timothy Hannigan,	" "	4 50
Milford Music Hall Co ,	" "	58 00
W. L. Billings, barrels sold,	. . . . .	1 50
Zimri Thurber, Pearl street sidewalk,	. . . . .	16 28
Chas. Williams,	" " . . . . .	16 21
Ann Powers, Central street	" . . . . .	12 00
Worcester County Savings Bank, work on drain,	. . . . .	14 00
L. A. Cook, use of water,	. . . . .	20 00
A. J. Sumner, old boards,	. . . . .	1 00
Joseph L. Clark, grass on park,	. . . . .	14 25
J. W. Harris, lamp post,	. . . . .	3 75
R. C. Hildreth, old iron,	. . . . .	55 00
E. S. Worthen, oxen,	. . . . .	140 00
Town of Stoughton, aid to Isaac Cox to Feb. 1, '81,		40 00
J. H. Wood, int. on early payment of county tax,		31 00
Heir of Sylvester Dean (interest of same to be applied to care of his lot in Vernon Grove Cemetery),	. . . . .	100 00
Patrick Gillon, liquor license,	. . . . .	275 00
Geo. W. Bailey,	" . . . . .	100 00
John Cronan,	" . . . . .	100 00
Bryan Mannion,	" . . . . .	100 00
E. J. Gallagher,	" . . . . .	100 00
Owen O'Keefe,	" . . . . .	100 00
Bird & Baxter,	" . . . . .	100 00
Patrick Wallace,	" . . . . .	100 00
Elizabeth Ward,	" . . . . .	100 00
Rose Doherty,	" . . . . .	100 00
Timothy F. Ryan,	" . . . . .	100 00
Chas. H. Gillon,	" . . . . .	100 00
Bridget Hilferty,	" . . . . .	100 00
Kate Fitzgerald,	" . . . . .	100 00
Michael McKeague,	" . . . . .	100 00
L. R. Hazard,	" . . . . .	175 00
John McGrath,	" . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Cheney,	" . . . . .	100 00



Received of John Rogers, liquor license,	.	.	.	\$100 00
David Quinn,	"	.	.	100 00
Patrick Tiernan,	"	.	.	100 00
David Nugent,	"	.	.	100 00
Dennis Kelley,	"	.	.	100 00
Alfred Goucher,	"	.	.	100 00
W. A. Pond & Co.,	"	.	.	100 00
Margaret McCormick,	"	.	.	100 00
John Dillon,	"	.	.	100 00
Thomas Dolan,	"	.	.	50 00
Thomas Quirk,	"	.	.	100 00
Delia Rivers,	"	.	.	100 00
Ann McArdle,	"	.	.	100 00
Annie F. Burke,	"	.	.	100 00
J. & F. H. Woods,	"	.	.	100 00
Wm. H. Miller,	"	.	.	100 00
A. H. Sweet,	"	.	.	75 00
Thos. B. Bailey,	"	.	.	75 00
Wm. M. Parker,	"	.	.	75 00
Wm. Sheehan,	"	.	.	100 00
Thos. F. Kelley,	"	.	.	100 00
J. F. Stratton & Co.,	"	.	.	275 00
Patrick Reynolds,	"	.	.	100 00
James Bradley,	"	.	.	100 00
Fred. C. Brockway,	"	.	.	100 00
Thos. Cauley,	"	.	.	100 00
Chas. J. Gilmore,	"	.	.	100 00
Theresa Foster,	"	.	.	100 00
H. E. Morgan,	"	.	.	75 00
J. Allen Rice,	"	.	.	75 00
Mary Butler,	"	.	.	100 00
Annie McDermott,	"	.	.	100 00
James Higgiston,	"	.	.	66 67
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				\$117,109 26
Paid on Selectmen's orders,	.	.	.	105,176 11
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Amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 22, 1881,	.			\$11,933 15

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ETHAN C. CLAFLIN,

*Treasurer.*

## Selectmen's Report.

### TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Paid Lyman Cheney, posting bills, . . . . .	\$6 25
Oliver D. Holmes, printing and posting warrants, .	50 00
“ “ pay of police, June 10, 1880, .	95 00
Auditing Committee, service for 1879, . . . . .	44 00
M. W. Edwards, special police, . . . . .	10 00
Crohen Connell, burying cat, . . . . .	75
Field & Crosby, coal for Armory, . . . . .	13 50
John O'Brien, night watch, . . . . .	60 00
M. J. Burke, returning deaths, . . . . .	41 25
Patrick McGarry, services as Assessor, . . . . .	197 50
T. E. Morse, painting, . . . . .	51 50
H. C. Scott, Armory rent, . . . . .	200 00
“ supplies at Town House, . . . . .	11 46
Benjamin Ward, services as Assessor, 1879, . . . . .	20 00
J. H. Wood, collecting taxes of 1878, . . . . .	25 97
“ “ “ 1879, . . . . .	35 00
L. Fairbanks, returning deaths, . . . . .	37 75
Broderick and Powers, services at Town meeting, .	4 00
T. G. Kent, services as attorney, . . . . .	223 75
A. W. Keene, paying witness for Parish <i>vs.</i> Town, .	20 00
S. C. Sumner, voters' list during the year, . . . . .	15 00
J. B. Bancroft, recording deed, . . . . .	65
State Reform School, board of boys, . . . . .	298 25
E. D. Merriam, license blanks, . . . . .	5 17
J. W. Ripley, blank books, . . . . .	11 75
Field & Crosby, lumber at Town House, . . . . .	5 10
L. E. Batchelder, two stone troughs, . . . . .	40 00
John O'Riley, burying cat, . . . . .	50
Charles Endicott, one-fourth of license for 1879, .	12 50
Wm. McAvoy, removing nuisance, . . . . .	1 50
P. Cammel, “ “ . . . . .	1 00
A. Hixon, incidentals, . . . . .	2 37
J. McCarty, removing nuisance, . . . . .	1 00
Cook & Sons, printing, . . . . .	383 25
Timothy Sullivan, tax abated for 1879, . . . . .	3 15



Paid Company M., 6th Regiment, rifle range, . . .	\$25 00
Bartlett & Ellis, . . . . .	48 65
John O'Riley, burying dog, . . . . .	75
E. F. Holbrook, services as Assessor, . . . . .	152 50
A. J. Sumner, " " . . . . .	291 43
R. C. Hussey, repairs on Town House stairs, . . . . .	10 75
G. M. Billings, printing road orders, . . . . .	3 00
W. H. Britton, labor, . . . . .	48 67
E. A. & L. A. Cook, coal for Town House, . . . . .	135 90
J. H. Wood, collecting taxes, 1880, . . . . .	550 00
J. Bergin, labor, . . . . .	2 43
S. W. Hayward, special police, 1879 and 1880, . . . . .	100 00
Thomas Donahue, conveying children to Poor Farm, . . . . .	2 00
A. S. Tuttle, supplies for lock-up, . . . . .	12 50
C. H. Baldwin, repairs of lock-up, . . . . .	20 85
Joseph Scott, burying cat, . . . . .	50
D. T. Aldrich, repairs on lock-up, . . . . .	4 80
Martin Broderick, services, Nov. 2, 1880, . . . . .	2 00
Wm. T. Reynolds, labor and materials at Armory, . . . . .	19 80
Henry Willard, labor, . . . . .	3 60
M. W. Edwards, killing dogs, . . . . .	7 50
E. M. Noyes, repairs on Town House, . . . . .	2 40
J. B. Bancroft, expenses at Worcester, . . . . .	7 50
James Powers, burying dogs, . . . . .	4 50
Wm. Sheehan, cement pipe, . . . . .	10 95
Hapgood & Mayhew, incidentals Town House, . . . . .	1 50
Eldredge & Beatty, painting lock-up, . . . . .	25 00
Lewis Fales, services in suit, Phelan <i>vs.</i> Milford, . . . . .	10 00
" writing rebellion record, . . . . .	125 00
" blank books, . . . . .	7 80
" registering births, marriages, deaths, . . . . .	125 95
" services on sewer, . . . . .	106 00
" expenses at Worcester, Parish <i>vs.</i> Town, . . . . .	10 00
Jesse A. Taft, balance of Armory rent, . . . . .	100 00
Geo. W. Stacey, incidentals, . . . . .	20 89
C. J. Thompson, secretary School Committee, . . . . .	25 00
E. G. Clafin, use of water, . . . . .	5 00
M. P. Callanan, incidentals, . . . . .	8 26
" supplies for Town House, . . . . .	52 55
" services as Selectman, . . . . .	300 00
Cook & Withington, setting glass, . . . . .	75
James R. Davis, Selectman, . . . . .	325 00
E. C. Clafin, travelling expenses and postage, . . . . .	20 50
" services as Treasurer, . . . . .	250 00
D. J. Cronan, license blanks, . . . . .	75
" services as Selectman, . . . . .	225 00

Paid B. H. Montague, lock-up keeper, . . . . .	\$100 00
"          janitor, . . . . .	200 00
A. W. Keene, services as special police in jail, . . . . .	125 00
Digging well in town park, . . . . .	80 00
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	\$5,646 86

### HIGHWAYS.

Paid Patrick Conniff, labor, . . . . .	\$5 00
J. I. Nutter, hay, . . . . .	22 17
T. C. Eastman, grain, . . . . .	586 24
Ira Ide, repairs, . . . . .	118 79
Field & Crosby, supplies, . . . . .	112 95
C. B. Prescott, repairs, . . . . .	15 54
H. C. Scott, one basket, . . . . .	60
C. O. Woodbury, labor, . . . . .	758 29
J. P. Mead, labor, . . . . .	1,449 17
A. Stevens, blacksmithing, . . . . .	226 33
Wm. L. Billings, labor, . . . . .	4,794 58
Eli Bates, yoke oxen, . . . . .	140 00
Hosmer, Crompton & Hammond, hay, . . . . .	18 12
Jas. R. Davis, freight on castings, . . . . .	75
Blake Crusher Co., castings, . . . . .	29 75
W. H. Britton, labor and materials, . . . . .	22 47
Cook, Rymes & Co., boiler, . . . . .	502 80
Henry Willard, labor, . . . . .	59 98
"          freight on boiler, . . . . .	7 70
Patrick Cady, hay, . . . . .	6 20
C. Adams, " . . . . .	26 26
E. Chapin, " . . . . .	39 00
H. P. Cushman, repairs, . . . . .	63 60
E. M. Noyes, . . . . .	10 55
A. E. Greeley, pasturing horses, . . . . .	7 00
E. J. Prentice, grain, . . . . .	263 32
Samuel Walker & Co., oil, . . . . .	8 00
Hopedale Furnace Co., castings, . . . . .	17 20
D. B. Rockwood, repairs, . . . . .	14 95
J. C. Wood, plank, . . . . .	18 41
Boston & Albany R. R., freight, . . . . .	75
E. A. & L. A. Cook, coal and cement, . . . . .	74 52
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies, . . . . .	240 95
G. A. Sherborn, labor and teams, . . . . .	15 50
J. E. Batten, labor, . . . . .	7 00
So. Boston Iron Co., repairing crusher, . . . . .	26 80
B. H. Spaulding, use of horses, . . . . .	39 00
C. C. Fisk, hay, . . . . .	82 60

Paid John F. Bradley, repairs,	.	.	.	.	.	75
H. G. Bates, timber,	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
E. A. Travis, hay,	.	.	.	.	.	107 82
D. B. Jenks, supplies,	.	.	.	.	.	6 68
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						\$9,932 09

#### PAYMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Paid Sarah F. Pierce,	.	.	.	.	.	\$100 00
J. S. Chapin, note,	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
E. Chapin,	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Silas A. Hill,	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
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						\$2,100 00
Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$2,000 00	
Exceeded Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	100 00	

#### MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Milford National Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	\$8,000 00
Music Hall Co.,	.	.	.	.	.	5,062 56
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						\$13,062 56

#### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Elias Whitney,	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,964 00
Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$10,000 00	
Exceeded,	.	.	.	.	964 00	

#### SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid John Madden, use of water,	.	.	.	.	\$5 00
Thomas Quirk, " "	.	.	.	.	5 00
Baker, Pratt & Co.,	.	.	.	.	42 00
Thomas Donahue, truant officer,	.	.	.	.	30 00
William Kelly,	.	.	.	.	23 50
David Ahearn,	.	.	.	.	5 00
George G. Parker,	.	.	.	.	60 00
N. B. Johnson,	.	.	.	.	2 00
P. Fitzmorris,	.	.	.	.	2 00
C. J. Thompson,	.	.	.	.	40 00
John Usher, use of water,	.	.	.	.	5 00
John Gleason, " "	.	.	.	.	3 00

Paid A. S. Tuttle,	\$4 41
Cook & Sons,	43 00
J. W. Harris,	55 41
Walnut Shade Tree Association,	13 67
John E. Burke,	8 50
Frank A. Morrill,	4 25
A. E. Barker,	24 00
Mary McCarthy,	6 59
J. W. Allard,	259 54
R. C. Eldridge,	7 00
John Gaffney,	13 75
I. N. Davis,	21 33
Timothy Wallace,	5 00
H. E. Morgan,	3 10
Bartlett & Ellis,	3 33
D. B. Jenks,	32 48
Elias Whitney, 2d,	2 00
J. H. Putnam, regulator,	15 00
George C. Hatch,	5 00
O. B. Parkhurst,	5 00
George W. Stacey,	9 80
A. Wheeler,	30 00
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	\$804 66
Appropriation,	\$800 00
Exceeded,	4 66

#### MAIN STREET SEWER.

Paid John Murphy, damage to garden,	\$4 00
John Clark, brick,	18 00
J. H. Edwards, contractor,	1,369 00
J. S. Sherman, curbing,	7 00
Sarah F. Pierce, damage to fence,	5 00
E. M. Noyes, damage to kettle,	3 00
T. E. Morse, supplies,	8 58
P. & W. Railroad, freight,	109 52
Nyatt Brick Co., brick,	415 21
Cook & Sons, printing,	1 00
B. & A. Railroad, freight,	53
S. W. Pierce, labor,	215 96
T. N. Sherman, labor,	4 10
James R. Davis, services,	41 00
“ “ expense and postage,	8 60
A. Stevens, repairs,	64 56
Marcellus Day & Co., pipe,	4 10
Field & Crosby, supplies,	21 03



Paid L. A. Cook, cement, . . . . .	\$172 80
Fuller Iron Co., casting, . . . . .	86 55
Waldo Bros., cement, . . . . .	3 60
D. B. Jenks, . . . . .	19 39
Jamés Bergin, centres, . . . . .	4 57
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies, . . . . .	185 55
Wm. Sheehan, " . . . . .	4 00
M. P. Callanan, " . . . . .	3 92
Wm. L. Billings, labor, . . . . .	1,996 00
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	\$4,776 57

#### GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

Paid H. C. Scott, supplies, . . . . .	50
Milford Gas Co., gas, . . . . .	2,040 00
S. A. Eastman, supplies, . . . . .	7 87
Hopedale Machine Co., care, . . . . .	44 00
Globe Gas Light Co., . . . . .	88 00
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	\$2,180 37

#### PINE STREET.

Paid Wm. L. Billings, labor, . . . . .	\$250 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$150 00
Exceeded, . . . . .	100 00

#### STATE AND MILITARY AID.

E. C. Claflin, paid State aid, . . . . .	\$4,372 00
" " Military aid, . . . . .	1,724 00
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	\$6,096 00

#### DECORATION DAY.

Paid B. H. Montague, . . . . .	\$100 00
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#### REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid T. E. Morse, painting, . . . . .	\$75 94
James Bergin, . . . . .	65 57
Eldridge & Beatty, . . . . .	301 50
T. L. Wheelock, . . . . .	9 56

Paid John Taft, . . . . .	\$14 00
Field & Crosby, . . . . .	136 08
George H. Kendall, . . . . .	1 37
Chapman & Wynn, . . . . .	69 11
John Gaffney, . . . . .	4 65
S. W. Pierce, . . . . .	10 25
Richard Carroll, . . . . .	2 00
D. B. Jenks, . . . . .	10 42
Davis & Weed, . . . . .	3 08
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	\$703 53

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Unexpended, . . . . .	296 47

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### INTEREST.

Paid Milford Savings Bank, . . . . .	\$3,250 00
Hide & Leather Bank, . . . . .	3,825 00
Worcester County Savings Bank, . . . . .	800 00
Charles Endicott, . . . . .	2,100 00
W. I. Bradbury, cemetery note, . . . . .	21 00
Milford National Bank, . . . . .	112 36
Sarah F. Pierce, . . . . .	30 00
E. Chapin, . . . . .	37 50
Silas A. Hill, . . . . .	33 32
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank, . . . . .	825 00
J. S. Chapin, . . . . .	48 14
William F. Draper, cemetery note, . . . . .	12 00
J. P. Daniels, . . . . .	90 00
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	\$11,184 32
Music Hall Co., . . . . .	62 50
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	\$11,246 82

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$11,300 00
Unexpended appropriation, . . . . .	53 18

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### TEACHING SCHOOL.

Paid C. J. Thompson, . . . . .	\$14,645 27
Lillie B. Godfrey, . . . . .	168 75
Anna M. Bancroft, . . . . .	187 50
Mary A. Parkhurst, . . . . .	168 75
Silas W. Hale, . . . . .	562 50

Paid F. B. Sherburne, . . . . .	\$210 00
H. W. Lull, . . . . .	450 00
Eva W. Cook, . . . . .	8 10
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	\$16,400 87

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$16,500 00
Unexpended appropriation, . . . . .	99 13

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### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Paid John W. Allard, balance of salary 1880, . . . . .	\$122 00
“ “ . . . . .	1,230 00
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	\$1,350 00

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### BANK TAX.

Paid Charles Endicott, . . . . .	\$2,764 57
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### STATE TAX.

Paid Charles Endicott, . . . . .	\$4,290 00
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### EVENING SCHOOL.

Paid Charles J. Thompson, . . . . .	\$149 67
B. H. Montague, . . . . .	18 25
F. B. Sherburne, . . . . .	12 00
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	\$179 92

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$700 00
Unexpended appropriation, . . . . .	520 08

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### PAY OF MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. C. Skinner, . . . . .	\$3,600 00
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### TOWN LIBRARY.

J. Allen Rice, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
“ one half dog tax, . . . . .	220 35
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	\$1,220 35



## REPAIRS OF RESERVOIR.

H. C. Skinner, . . . . .	\$247 33
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$200 00
Exceeded appropriation, . . . . .	47 33

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## CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid William Kelly, . . . . .	\$90 00
C. J. Thompson, . . . . .	862 50
Silas W. Hale, . . . . .	37 50
Elbridge Gerry, . . . . .	3 00
Frank A. Morrill, . . . . .	35 00
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	\$1,028 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Exceeded appropriation, . . . . .	28 00

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## FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Field & Crosby, . . . . .	\$158 80
Barney & Son, . . . . .	98 34
L. A. Cook, . . . . .	855 00
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	\$1,112 14
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Exceeded appropriation, . . . . .	112 14

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## INCIDENTALS, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. C. Skinner, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,200 00
Unexpended appropriation, . . . . .	200 00

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## TOWN PARK.

Paid J. E. Walker, trees, . . . . .	\$16 43
Charles Metcalf, labor, . . . . .	22 50
William Jones, " . . . . .	20 00
Thomas O'Brien, " . . . . .	10 50

Paid Field & Crosby, lumber, . . . . .	\$10 79
W. H. Britton, labor, . . . . .	2 00
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	\$82 22

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$100 00
Unexpended appropriation, . . . . .	17 78

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#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Charles F. Claflin, . . . . .	\$1,200 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,200 00

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#### SIDEWALKS.

Paid A. S. Sampson, concrete, . . . . .	\$300 93
George H. Turner, curbstones, . . . . .	400 00
W. L. Billings, labor, . . . . .	325 00
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	\$1,025 93

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,329 17
Unexpended balance, . . . . .	303 24

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#### HOSE TOWER.

Paid H. C. Skinner, . . . . .	\$299 80
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$300 00
Unexpended balance, . . . . .	20

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#### LAMP POSTS.

Paid B. & A. R. R., freight on posts, . . . . .	\$7 83
Globe Gas Co., posts, lanterns and repairs, . . . . .	217 14
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	\$224 97

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$235 00
Unexpended balance, . . . . .	10 03

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#### LIQUOR LICENSES.

Paid Charles Endicott, one-fourth, . . . . .	\$1,329 17
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## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

500 shares in Milford & Woonsocket R. R.,	\$50,000 00
75 shares in Hopkinton R. R.,	7,500 00
Bonds of Hopkinton R. R.,	7,500 00
J. D. Hunt, taxes for 1875,	43 70
“ “ 1876,	62 02
“ “ 1877,	321 65
J. H. Wood, “ 1880,	1,882 06
Land and Gravel Pit on Green street,	150 00
B. D. Godfrey, labor and teams,	7 00
M. Estabrook, concrete walk assessment,	21 93
F. O. Mason, “ “ “	52 26
Wm. Sheehan, assessment,	16 75
Mrs. Hannon, sewer assessment,	25 00
Luther P. Jones, sidewalk assessment,	20 56
Joseph Williams, “ “	24 90
James Teeling, “ “	12 50
Due from State, State aid,	4,372 00
“ “ Military aid,	862 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 22, 1881,	11,933 15
H. C. Scott, concrete sidewalk assessment,	22 22
Susan Aldrich, “ “ “	15 38
Mrs. M. Raftery, “ “ “	16 27
B. F. Holbrook, “ “ “	12 89
Hunt & Cook, “ “ “	13 33

## TOWN DEBT.

Milford Savings Bank, Notes,	\$25,000 00
“ “ Town Bonds,	40,000 00
National Hide and Leather Bank, Railroad Bonds,	50,000 00
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, Town Bonds,	30,000 00
Worcester County Institution for Savings,	10,000 00
Park Notes,	5,000 00
Milford Fire Insurance Co., Note,	1,500 00
Sarah F. Pierce, Note,	500 00
State Treasurer's Note,	30,000 00
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	\$192,000 00

Money left by the following named persons, for care  
of burial lots, and which the Town now owes :

Sarah M. Whipple,	\$100 00
Mrs. Theron Holbrook,	100 00
Mrs. Obadiah Albee,	100 00
William B. Dyer,	150 00
Heirs of Sylvester Dean,	100 00

## RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Town Incidentals, . . . . .	\$5,646 80
Highways, . . . . .	9,952 09
Payment of Town Debt, . . . . .	2,100 00
Money Borrowed and Paid, . . . . .	13,000 00
Support of Poor, . . . . .	10,964 00
School Incidentals, . . . . .	804 66
Main Street Sewer, . . . . .	4,776 57
Street Lights, . . . . .	2,180 37
Work on Pine Street, . . . . .	250 00
Repairs of School Houses, . . . . .	703 53
State Aid, . . . . .	4,372 00
Military Aid, . . . . .	1,724 00
Interest, . . . . .	11,246 82
Decoration Day, . . . . .	100 00
Teaching School, . . . . .	16,400 87
School Superintendent, . . . . .	1,350 00
Bank Tax, . . . . .	2,764 57
State Tax, . . . . .	4,290 00
Evening School, . . . . .	179 92
Pay of Members of Fire Department, . . . . .	3,600 00
Town Library, . . . . .	1,220 35
Care of School Houses, . . . . .	1,028 00
Repairs of Reservoirs, . . . . .	247 33
Fuel for Schools, . . . . .	1,112 14
Incidentals, Fire Department, . . . . .	1,000 00
Town Park, . . . . .	82 22
Centennial Celebration, . . . . .	1,200 00
Sidewalks, . . . . .	1,025 93
Hose Tower, . . . . .	299 80
Lamp Posts and Lanterns, . . . . .	224 97
Liquor Licenses, . . . . .	1,329 17
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	\$105,176 11

JAMES R. DAVIS,  
MATTHEW P. CALLANAN,  
D. J. CRONAN,  
*Selectmen of Milford.*

## Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

### EXPENSES AT THE FARM.

Paid for flour and grain, . . . . .	\$661 66
Sugar, . . . . .	157 30
Tea, . . . . .	67 14
Molasses, . . . . .	44 51
Salt fish and mackerel, . . . . .	84 16
Fresh fish, . . . . .	73 14
Coal, . . . . .	133 87
2 yoke of oxen, . . . . .	220 00
Seed corn, etc., . . . . .	3 46
Chocolate, . . . . .	1 13
Beans, . . . . .	4 95
Kerosene oil, . . . . .	12 00
Matches, . . . . .	3 30
Yeast powder, . . . . .	1 23
Oat meal, etc., . . . . .	1 00
Spices, . . . . .	3 06
Garden seeds, . . . . .	4 60
Tobacco and snuff, . . . . .	58 49
Soap, . . . . .	15 35
Baskets, tubs, twine and combs, . . . . .	5 51
Rice, . . . . .	4 75
Cash to inmates, . . . . .	22 30
Scrubbing brushes, . . . . .	74
Raisins, . . . . .	1 49
Dry goods, . . . . .	81 27
Saleratus, soda, starch, saltpetre, . . . . .	3 39
Crackers, . . . . .	24 25
Repairs on stoves, . . . . .	19 95
Salt, . . . . .	92
Scythes, . . . . .	2 70
Brooms, . . . . .	1 92
Paid Inman, for bull, . . . . .	16 50
One cow, . . . . .	25 00
Burial of Edward McKnabb (1880), . . . . .	11 00
Pulling teeth for inmates, . . . . .	2 00
Lumber (Field & Crosby), . . . . .	59 51



Paid for carpenter work, . . . . .	\$13 50
Clothing for inmates, . . . . .	87 08
Family carriage, . . . . .	49 00
R. C. Hill, doctoring horse, . . . . .	3 10
Ploughman and Milford Journal, . . . . .	7 65
Drills and wedges, . . . . .	7 62
Repairs on harness (bill 1879), . . . . .	4 35
Boots and shoes, . . . . .	68 05
4 ladders, . . . . .	5 87
Blacksmithing, . . . . .	33 56
Furniture, . . . . .	10 79
Windows and door, . . . . .	16 60
Hardware and tools, . . . . .	44 62
Medical attendance and medicine, . . . . .	74 02
Meat, . . . . .	190 44
Rye, . . . . .	5 00
Smoking hams (1879 bill), . . . . .	6 16
Ice, . . . . .	6 50
Tinware, . . . . .	3 84
3 calves to fat, . . . . .	3 75
Tools, etc., . . . . .	10 75
School books, etc., . . . . .	2 00
Lamp chimneys, pails, 6 hoes, . . . . .	7 81
Clothes lines, buckles and leather, . . . . .	3 00
Labor, . . . . .	364 48
Salary for Superintendent, . . . . .	550 00
Total expenses at Farm, . . . . .	<u>\$3,413 09</u>

#### RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.

Received of E. B. Mead, beef, veal and vegetables, . . . . .	\$415 33
Cushing & Morse, cider apples, . . . . .	58 41
On account of Mrs. Jones, . . . . .	137 45
John Madden, pigs, apples, etc., . . . . .	120 96
D. & N. Nelson, hay, . . . . .	66 36
J. L. Clark, " . . . . .	13 35
D. B. Rockwood, plank, . . . . .	2 50
Soldiers' Aid, . . . . .	130 00
Milk, pigs, apples and vegetables, . . . . .	142 73
Total receipts from the Farm, . . . . .	<u>\$1,087 09</u>

#### PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Mrs. Rhoda Allen, . . . . .	\$121 75
Mrs. M. A. Ahern, . . . . .	100 00

Thomas Barry, . . . . .	\$236 40
Patrick J. Burns, . . . . .	26 95
R. D. H. Beatty, . . . . .	26 45
Patrick Butler, . . . . .	7 90
Mrs. Stephen Burke, . . . . .	140 70
Mrs. Fidelia Blood, . . . . .	102 00
William Breen, . . . . .	60 00
Mrs. Mary Cronan, . . . . .	37 75
Patrick Curry, . . . . .	65 25
Mrs. Patrick Clines, . . . . .	88 95
Patrick Conniff, . . . . .	52 00
Michael Coy, . . . . .	87 25
Mrs. Winnefred Casey, . . . . .	9 87
Miss Nora Crahan, . . . . .	156 00
James C. Coffee, . . . . .	9 25
Mrs. Patrick Clunan, . . . . .	184 83
Mrs. Mary Smith, . . . . .	14 70
John Cook, . . . . .	92 00
Mrs. Honora Dillon, . . . . .	117 18
Ellis Daniels, . . . . .	5 00
Mrs. Thomas Finton, . . . . .	49 96
Patrick Fahey . . . . .	14 26
Mrs. Charles Forbush, . . . . .	9 00
Mrs. William Flanagan, . . . . .	43 50
Mrs. Hugh Glennon, . . . . .	52 00
Mrs. Patrick Gaghaghin, . . . . .	124 38
Mrs. John Hogan, . . . . .	69 86
Mrs. George Horner, . . . . .	2 00
Charles Hoytt, . . . . .	37 43
E. H. Hildreth, . . . . .	104 75
Ed. Holahan, . . . . .	33 18
Michael Hageney, . . . . .	2 00
Michael Halpin, . . . . .	135 04
James A. Kenneda, . . . . .	269 62
Mrs. B. Kelly, . . . . .	4 05
Mrs. Michael Lyons, . . . . .	96 22
Mrs. Michael Moore, . . . . .	20 40
Patrick McGrath, . . . . .	31 14
Edward McKenna, . . . . .	33 18
Mrs. John Moore, . . . . .	196 23
Richard McDonald, . . . . .	5 00
Henry Markham, . . . . .	10 00
Martin Mealy, . . . . .	2 75
Daniel McCarty, . . . . .	6 75
Michael McCormack, . . . . .	25 13
Mrs. John Mahona, . . . . .	3 50
Michael McCarty, . . . . .	10 60
James Moore, . . . . .	59 50



Mrs. D. O'Connor, . . . . .	\$50 46
Miss Mary O'Connor, . . . . .	61 21
Mrs. Ann Qunlivan, . . . . .	27 60
Mrs. Thomas Rabbitt, . . . . .	200 28
Mrs. Mary Rogers, . . . . .	36 00
Dennis Ryan, . . . . .	54 50
Edward Sireack, . . . . .	51 27
James Small, . . . . .	19 28
Daniel Shea, . . . . .	124 86
Susan and Bridget Sweeney, . . . . .	63 13
Daniel Sullivan, . . . . .	24 00
Thomas Surgerson, . . . . .	31 13
Mrs. Harry Sidley, . . . . .	27 88
Mrs. Mary White, . . . . .	47 83
Martin Ward, . . . . .	116 02
Patrick McDermott, . . . . .	3 43
Mrs. Eugene Shaw, . . . . .	10 00
John W. Wilson, . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. Patrick Powers, . . . . .	25 00
Patrick Grana, . . . . .	16 76
Mrs. Thomas Lyons, . . . . .	31 73
Thomas Hogan, . . . . .	8 00
Mrs. Jones, for board, . . . . .	100 00
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	\$4,351 98

#### PERSONS BELONGING IN MILFORD, RESIDING IN OTHER TOWNS.

Fleming Adams, Wrentham, . . . . .	\$88 00
Peter Cherry, Southboro, . . . . .	3 63
James Cross, Ware, . . . . .	10 00
Mary E. Haywood, Worcester, . . . . .	12 26
Daniel Dugan, Waltham, . . . . .	219 86
John J. Ford, Worcester, . . . . .	25 00
Michael Fitzgerald, Worcester, . . . . .	23 35
Catherine Hines, " . . . . .	14 90
Edward Sawyer, " . . . . .	3 30
Mary Sheehe, " . . . . .	15 20
Patrick Boyle, " . . . . .	29 50
Ellen Eachman, Cambridge, . . . . .	8 57
Michael Holland, " . . . . .	59 21
Mrs. William Maley, Blackstone, . . . . .	45 00
Julius L. Johnson, Bellingham, . . . . .	12 90
Patrick Nugent, Fitchburg, . . . . .	19 75
George Gabriea, Uxbridge, . . . . .	6 28
John O'Sullivan, Mendon, . . . . .	173 81
Mrs. John Haggerty, Medway, . . . . .	8 00

Thomas Mullen, Medway, . . . . .	\$28 62
Margaret Quinn, Lowell, . . . . .	71 50
Frank L. Sweet, Lynn, . . . . .	3 10
David Taft, Franklin, . . . . .	20 50
George C. White, Franklin, . . . . .	38 64
Keziah Wilcox, Douglas, . . . . .	104 00
Johannah Slattery, Hopkinton, . . . . .	51 00
Lucy Rexford, " . . . . .	15 00
Nancy McCool, Tewksbury, . . . . .	320 90
Mary Moran, Boston, . . . . .	111 63
Mary Bernard, " . . . . .	8 00
Henry O. Anthony, Upton, . . . . .	21 85
Hannora O'Connor, Watertown, . . . . .	1 63
Joseph Boody, Haverhill, . . . . .	15 21
Thomas Carey, Nantucket, . . . . .	57 95
Mrs. Toohey, Holliston, . . . . .	146 94
William J. Stewart, Marlboro, . . . . .	30 12
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$1,825 15

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PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS, LIVING IN MILFORD.

Mrs. Hiram Adams, Blackstone, . . . . .	\$166 00
John Powers, Bellingham, . . . . .	1 00
W. H. Bigelow, Hopkinton, . . . . .	20 85
Benj. Fairbanks, " . . . . .	5 33
Michael Murphy, " . . . . .	46 50
John Congdon, " . . . . .	1 35
Geo. W. Brown, Uxbridge, . . . . .	14 75
Wm. Coffee, Gloucester, . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. Jerry Daly, Northbridge, . . . . .	284 68
Chas. H. Snowling, " . . . . .	51 75
Lewis G. Fales, Medway, . . . . .	44 50
John P. Hews, Holliston, . . . . .	19 70
Jane and Mary Ann Reeves, Holliston, . . . . .	20 61
— Loveday, Holliston, . . . . .	1 40
Patrick Jones, Boston, . . . . .	32 13
John Lynch, " . . . . .	42 83
Mrs. James Mealy, Boston, . . . . .	10 70
Joshua O. Langley, Warren, . . . . .	273 43
Chas. H. Shumway, So. Hadley, . . . . .	30 00
Benj. Newton, Shrewsbury, . . . . .	3 00
Geo. C. Christian, Nantucket, . . . . .	34 05
Geo. E. Dunn, Douglas, . . . . .	63 00
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## INSANE.

Henry Cain,	Worcester,	.	.	.	.	.	\$180 32
Catherine Coughlin,	"	.	.	.	.	.	186 21
Maynard Rawson,	"	.	.	.	.	.	131 46
Richard Day,	"	.	.	.	.	.	82 58
Dennis Pyne,	"	.	.	.	.	.	184 92
John O. Harra,	"	.	.	.	.	.	224 54
Peter Corrigan,	"	.	.	.	.	.	75 93
Abbott L. Perry,	"	.	.	.	.	.	22 57
Charles W. Dunham,	Taunton,	.	.	.	.	.	39 13
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							\$1,127 66

## STATE PAUPERS AND TRAMPS.

Ann McIntire,	John F. Murphy,						
John Hays,	Joshua M. Davney,						
Michael Murphy,	Mrs. Gilmore,						
Mrs. James O'Brien,	Michael Finn,						
Crahen Connell,	Dodd children,						
Patrick Tarpy,	Susan Twohey,						
John Pettes,	Wm. Fahey,						
James Curley,	Michael Tinon,						
Michael Quinn,	Thomas Quinn,						
Patrick Miler,	Wm. Flannagan,						
Sarah McGrath,	Joseph Fritz,						
Abraham Tillotson,	Frank Higgins.						
Hannah Cooney,							
Amount paid for support of above,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,057 81
67 tramps,	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
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							\$1,082 81

## INCIDENTALS.

Due the Overseers on last year's account,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$26 22
Postage, postal cards, etc.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 49
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							\$27 71

## BILLS DUE THE TOWN.

Boston,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$74 59
Shrewsbury,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Nantucket,	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 55
Hopkinton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 48
Northbridge,	.	.	.	.	.	.	198 58

Warren, . . . . .	\$273 43
Holliston, . . . . .	22 71
Uxbridge, . . . . .	23 80
Douglas, . . . . .	63 00
South Hadley, . . . . .	30 01
Gloucester, . . . . .	2 00
Blackstone, . . . . .	10 00
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	\$729 15

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### RECEIPTS.

Received of E. S. Claflin, . . . . .	\$10,964 00
State, . . . . .	130 25
Northbridge, . . . . .	196 55
Blackstone, . . . . .	187 00
Boston, . . . . .	148 29
Marlboro, . . . . .	5 38
Nantucket, . . . . .	44 00
Medway, . . . . .	44 50
Holliston, . . . . .	31 25
Hopkinton, . . . . .	92 83
Uxbridge, . . . . .	39 84
Soldiers' Aid, . . . . .	132 00
E. B. Mead, . . . . .	415 33
Cushing & Morse, . . . . .	58 40
Rent Jones' Land, . . . . .	137 45
John Madden, apples, pigs, etc., . . . . .	120 96
Cash for milk, apples, etc., . . . . .	142 73
D. & N. Nelson, hay, . . . . .	66 36
J. L. Clark, " . . . . .	13 25
D. B. Rockwood, plank, . . . . .	2 50
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	\$12,972 97

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### RECAPITULATION.

Expenses at Farm, . . . . .	\$3,413 09
Persons aided in Town away from Farm, . . . . .	4,351 98
" belonging to Milford in other towns, . . . . .	1,825 15
State paupers and tramps, . . . . .	1,057 81
Persons belonging to other towns, residing in Milford, . . . . .	1,169 57
Insane, . . . . .	1,127 66
Incidentals, . . . . .	27 71
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	\$12,972 97



There was on hand, Feb. 1, 1881, personal property to the amount of \$4,250.43, consisting in part as follows: 1 horse, 1 yoke oxen, 14 cows, vegetables, corn, hay, furniture, etc. The valuation does not vary much from year to year. Furniture and farming tools are in good repair. The Superintendent is paid to March 11th, it being one year at that time; salary, \$550. The town Doctor is paid up to April 1st; salary, \$150. Sick State poor paid to Jan. 1, 1881, and the bills sent to the Board of State Charities; amount, \$610. Persons admitted to the farm the past year, 51. Average number,  $34\frac{1}{2}$ . Present number, 36. Average weekly cost, \$1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The improvements are a new hen house, ice house, new barn floor with stone post under the barn in place of wooden ones, rotted off so that the barn was sagging in the centre. The timbers were raised up and stone post set to keep it level. The cost of above, \$13.50 for labor, the rest of the work being done by the help on the farm. Cost of lumber and material, \$92.58. Also a family carriage, \$49. Also the rebuilding of about 20 rods of road and the foundation of about 40 rods of wall on the new road. Four acres of the old pasture west of the house have been plowed and planted the past year, that has lain waste for the past 20 years, and the crops have well paid for the labor. The pasture east of the house has been cleared of brush by one of the inmates, and it would be a credit to any farmer in town to follow his example in their own pastures. Nancy McCool was sent to Tewksbury, Aug. 16, 1876; was then a State pauper and has been aided by the State since 1863. But by the decision of the Supreme Court, Worcester *vs.* Springfield, she has been returned to Milford as a town pauper. The cost of keeping her in Tewksbury has been less than \$1.50 per week. But now it will cost \$3.50 per week at least, although the cost at Tewksbury was less than one half what it will now cost paying the bill; this takes \$325 out of our appropriation of the past year.

Joshua O. Langley alias Olney Longley alias William Smith. We have fixed his settlement on Warren and got judgment for bill and cost, which will be paid soon. Uxbridge recovers cost of Milford. But had not we brought suit against both towns at once, it would have taken another year to have settled it.

James A. Kennada alias Monroe Thayer. As James A. Kennada, his wife and children have a settlement in Milford by her father, he, Kennada, being an alien. But as Monroe Thayer, he has a



military settlement in Northampton. We have aided the family at the farm and outside to the amount of \$649.09. Should Kennada come back within four months, so that we could take him to Northampton and prove his identity, the amount could be collected. We wish our successors to keep this case alive for the benefit of the town.

ELIAS WHITNEY,  
JOHN MADDEN,  
GEORGE F. BIRCH,

*Overseers of Poor of Milford.*

# Report of the Board of Engineers

Of the Milford Fire Department for the Year ending February 15, 1881.

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Cash on hand February 11, 1880,	\$112 60
Received of Ethan C. Claflin for pay of members,	3,600 00
“ “ building Hose Tower,	299 80
“ “ repair of reservoir,	247 33
“ E. B. Blood, reservoir cover,	1 00
“ O. D. Holmes, “ “	1 00
“ Hopedale Machine Co., use of derrick,	25 00
“ Dearborn Brothers, “ “	7 00
“ Asaph Withington, two coats,	4 00
“ E. Mann, 695 lbs. old leather hose at 8c.,	55 60
“ Ethan C. Claflin, incidentals,	1,000 00
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	\$5,353 33

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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid D. B. Rockwood,	\$28 35
Milford Gas Light Co.,	209 99
A. Claflin S. F. E. Co., No. 2,	237 00
Washington Engine Co., No. 1.	687 50
Wide Awake Hose Co., No. 1,	262 50
Board of Engineers,	250 00
Extinguisher Engine Co., No. 1,	135 00
North Star Engine Co., No. 4,	695 00
Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1,	300 00
Milford S. F. E. Co., No. 1,	170 00
N. B. Fairbanks,	176 75
S. B. Holbrook,	43 38
Edward Walker,	7 50
E. J. Morse,	15 00
A. Tyler,	63 55
William J. Shields,	6 25
Hapgood & Mayhew,	10 00
E. L. Bailey,	1 00

Paid Henry Chever, . . . . .	\$5 25
J. N. Lilley, . . . . .	4 20
W. L. Harden, . . . . .	50 00
Thomas H. Dwyer, . . . . .	60 00
Henry C. Skinner, . . . . .	2 80
Augustus Stephens, . . . . .	25 50
W. J. Blanchard, . . . . .	15 50
Asaph Withington, . . . . .	15 25
A. S. Tuttle, . . . . .	5 21
J. E. Batten, . . . . .	1 50
Lysander Grow, . . . . .	2 50
F. G. McLaughlin, . . . . .	45 20
F. J. Clarke, . . . . .	14 86
G. W. Stacey, . . . . .	2 50
H. T. Shattuck, . . . . .	12 90
Boston Belting Co., . . . . .	106 92
James Curran, . . . . .	4 17
George Homer, . . . . .	50
Manchester Locomotive Works, . . . . .	5 95
Chapman & Winn, . . . . .	291 13
Eldridge & Beatty, . . . . .	8 00
Fred. Swasey, . . . . .	13 00
O. D. Holmes, . . . . .	6 00
G. Davis & Co., . . . . .	5 00
P. & W. R.R. Co., . . . . .	10 40
T. C. Eastman, . . . . .	1 50
D. B. Jenks, . . . . .	1 00
H. L. Patrick, . . . . .	21 96
Nyatt Brick Co, . . . . .	43 50
L. Morse, . . . . .	47 95
I. N. Davis, . . . . .	16 75
R. Folger, Jr., . . . . .	3 20
M. W. Edwards, . . . . .	13 50
W. L. Billings, . . . . .	27 50
S. W. Pierce, . . . . .	80 70
William Remick, . . . . .	18 00
Joseph L. Hunt, . . . . .	6 00
Hopedale Stable, . . . . .	6 00
F. A. Taft, . . . . .	4 62
J. H. Webb, . . . . .	2 00
R. Carroll, . . . . .	3 75
C. L. Witherell, . . . . .	172 87
Henry Willard, . . . . .	320 90
C. O. Woodbury, . . . . .	254 53
Bartlett & Ellis, . . . . .	42 19
C. E. Peirce, . . . . .	15 00
L. A. Cook, . . . . .	38 30
Hopedale Machine Co., . . . . .	28 94

Paid Field & Crosby, . . . . .	\$56 29
Field Brothers, . . . . .	32 60
B. H. Montague, . . . . .	4 00
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	\$5,276 56
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1881, . . . . .	76 77
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	\$5,353 33

There have been fourteen alarms of fire from January 1, 1880, to January 1, 1881, two of which were in the woods and twelve in buildings.

The present number of members in the department are 175, divided as follows :

Engineers, 7 ; Washington Engine Company, No. 1, 50 ; North Star Engine Company, No. 4, 44 ; Milford Steamer Company, No. 1, 11 ; A. Claflin Steamer Company, No. 2, 12 ; Extinguisher Engine Company, No. 1, 9 ; Wideawake Hose Company, No. 1, 22 ; and Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, 20.

#### SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Five engine houses, with furniture and fixtures for the same.

Two hand engines and hose carriages for the same.

Two steam fire engines and hose carriages for the same.

One four-wheeled hose carriage and fixtures for the same.

One Babcock fire extinguisher, with hose carriage.

One hook and ladder carriage, with all the appliances for the same.

There are eighteen reservoirs, located as follows :

One on South Bow street, near Main street ; one near the junction of Main and Spruce streets ; one at Lincoln square ; one on the parish common ; one on the corner of Main and Fruit streets ; one on West street, near Samuel Walker's boot shop ; one on Congress street ; one on Exchange street ; one on Central street ; one on Jefferson street ; one at the junction of Pearl and School streets ; one on Walnut street, near the School house ; one on North road, near the house of Joseph Hancock ; one at North Milford ; one at Jonesville ; one on the corner of West and Lee streets ; one on Grove, near Forest street ; and one on the corner of Hayward and Parkhurst streets.

#### CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

The engine houses are all in good repair, and so are all the reservoirs, except the one at Clark's Market. The building of the sewer has rendered this reservoir worthless. The reservoir at the junction of Pearl and School streets has been bricked up and

cemented, so as to make it one of the best in town ; and the one near Hancock's, and the one at the corner of Main and Fruit streets have been covered new this year.

#### LOCATION OF APPARATUS.

Washington Engine, No. 1, Button & Son, builders, is located in No. 1 Engine House.

North Star Engine, No. 4, Jeffers, builder, is located at North Milford in No. 4 Engine House.

Milford Steam Fire Engine, No. 1, Cole Brothers, builders, and Aaron Claflin Steam Fire Engine, No. 2, Amoskeag build, are located in the Steamer House, South Main street.

Wide Awake Hose Carriage, No. 1 is located in No. 1 Engine House.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Carriage, No. 1 is located in the old No. 2 Engine House.

Extinguisher Engine, No. 1, Babcock build, is located in the Engine House at Hopedale.

All the above apparatus is in the best of repair possible.

There are 5,850 feet of leading hose in the department, 3,500 feet of which is good and 2,350 feet not reliable.

A Hose Tower has been built on the Steamer House, as voted by the Town, at an expense of \$299 80, the appropriation being \$300 for tower and fire alarm bell.

The committee have not yet procured the fire alarm bell.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the pay of members be the same as last year, and the appropriation of the following sums of money :

For the pay of members,	\$3,600 00
Bricking and cementing the Clark Market reservoir,	300 00
Repairs of reservoirs and Engine Houses,	200 00
Incidental expenses,	1,200 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ASAPH WITHINGTON,  
M. W. EDWARDS,  
E. B. BLOOD,  
J. B. BANCROFT,  
O. D. HOLMES,  
JAMES POWERS,  
HENRY C. SKINNER,

*Board of Engineers, M. F. D.*



## Report of the Trustees of the Town Library.

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*To the Citizens of Milford:*

As a store-house of valuable facts, a place full of mental treasures, our town library is well patronized, yet more would resort to it were it not necessary to ascend a flight of stairs, and behold the beautiful books clothed in the perhaps necessary, but certainly unattractive garb of brown paper. How often have I wished to strip off this uninviting exterior and allow them to speak, even from the shelves, in tones of natural beauty! How pleasantly would they then address us! How irresistibly would they draw us! The friend who accompanied us, he, too, would bear away a book that had won him. Even now the quest is rewarded, for an accomplished librarian will assist us to pass the outer gate and enter the inner temple. Here are nearly six thousand volumes, selected with care; here are the latest and best cyclopaedias, dictionaries and atlases; here are some new and most highly approved medical works; most entertaining travels and biographies; the latest as well as the classic works of fiction. Here are books for boys, books for girls and books for everybody—many of them beautifully and profusely illustrated. Here are books which need but to be opened to be read, books which if stripped of their unsightly coats and left upon our tables we could not refrain from opening and when opened could not resist reading. And who search between the covers and find the treasures within? The young—those mainly between twelve and thirty years of age. *They* seem to be the real explorers, the chief seekers for what these books contain. There are but few of the middle aged and old that use the library. The newspapers filled with daily freshness and infinite variety, fill their desire and please by their brevity. They almost enter the hand and ask to be read; they seem to *come* to us, while the library book must be *sought*. But how delightful is the solace of a good book they who have enjoyed can fully attest.

To open these thousands of volumes and show them more fully to the public, a new catalogue is necessary. It should be at least a double catalogue—of author and of title—better a triple one, giving in addition some idea of the subject matter. Such a catalogue could be easily made. The main work has been already done by those who have prepared the catalogues of larger libraries. The scissors and some arranging would be necessary. The chief expense would be for this and for printing. The last catalogue was printed years ago. The library contains about two thousand volumes not found in that catalogue. We therefore recommend an additional appropriation for preparing and printing a new catalogue.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

S. W. HALE,

*Chairman.*

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### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees of Milford Town Library:*

I present herewith my seventh and the twenty-second annual report of the Town Library.

The library year commenced Feb. 9th, 1880, and ended Feb. 5th, 1881, and the library was open 305 days. The whole number of books taken out was 31,985, against 34,490 the year previous. This decrease in circulation is about the same as is reported in all public libraries, owing, mainly, to the less leisure time given our reading classes by the business prosperity of the town and country.

The largest daily circulation, Feb. 21st, 1880,	.	.	365
The smallest " " Oct. 22d, 1880,	.	.	15

Number of cards issued to new applicants, 504; making the number of readers registered, 2,889.

Number of books covered during the year,	.	.	.	2,251
Amount collected for fines,	.	.	.	\$70.12
" " catalogues,	.	.	.	7.60

Number of readers in the reading room, . . . . . 9,361

Number of books added during the year, 297 ; by purchase, 253 ; by donation, 34 ; by binding magazines from reading room, 10. The books donated were from

U. S. Government, through our Congressman, . . . . .	16
State of Massachusetts, . . . . .	5
Lieut. Wheeler, U. S. War Department, . . . . .	5
Bureau of Education, U. S. . . . .	2
“ Agriculture, U. S. . . . .	2
Geo. Draper, Hopedale, . . . . .	2
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., . . . . .	1
Worcester Institution of Savings, . . . . .	1

I give below a list showing the additions and classification of circulation for the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NATH'L F. BLAKE, *Librarian.*

#### Additions and Classification of Circulation for the past year.

	Volumes in Catalogue Feb. 1880.	Additions.	Volumes in Catalogue Feb. 1881.	Volumes issued 1878.	Volumes issued 1879.	Volumes issued 1880.
A. History, . . . . .	369	28	397	945	800	758
B. Biography, . . . . .	562	33	595	916	913	931
C. Politics, etc. . . . .	519	20	539	88	100	90
D. Travels, . . . . .	463	24	487	1,765	1,703	1,495
E. Science, . . . . .	634	48	682	887	801	783
F. Fiction, . . . . .	1,362	60	1,422	20,117	18,955	17,644
G. Miscellaneous, . . . . .	586	35	621	1,357	2,255	2,022
H. Religion, . . . . .	322	12	334	235	156	116
I. Poetry, . . . . .	270	14	284	530	537	491
J. Juvenile, . . . . .	498	23	521	9,446	8,270	7,655
Total, . . . . .	5,585					
Accessions during year, . . . . .		297				
No. vols. as pr catal'g'e, . . . . .			5,882			
Circulation, . . . . .				36,306	34,490	31,985

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

Feb. 1881.

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Balance from last year's acct.,	.	.	.	.	.	\$205	57
Received Town appropriation,	.	.	.	.	.	1,000	00
One-half dog tax,	.	.	.	.	.	220	35
Fines,	.	.	.	.	.	70	12
Catalogues,	.	.	.	.	.	7	60
Old papers,	.	.	.	.	.	6	61
						<u>\$1,510</u>	<u>25</u>

1881.

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Paid N. F. Blake, librarian, . . . . .	\$300 00
“ “ care of reading room, . . . . .	76 50
B. F. Holbrook, rent of library rooms, . . . . .	200 00
Milford Gas Co., gas, . . . . .	132 65
L. A. Cook, coal, . . . . .	28 38
Geo. G. Parker, insurance, . . . . .	51 25
Printing, . . . . .	3 00
Books, . . . . .	545 19
Express, . . . . .	3 97
Papers and magazines, . . . . .	69 68
Directory, . . . . .	1 50
Incidentals, . . . . .	9 42
Binding books, . . . . .	21 45
Balance in treasury, . . . . .	67 26
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	\$1,510 25

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1880-81.

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MILFORD, MASS.  
M. A. BLUNT, PRINTER.  
1881.



## Board of School Committee.

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GEO. W. JOHNSON, . . . .	Term expires, 1881.
Z. C. FIELD, . . . .	" 1881.
GEO. G. PARKER, . . . .	" 1882.
CHAS. J. THOMPSON, . . . .	" 1882.
JOS. F. HICKEY, . . . .	" 1883.
JUDGE CHAS. A. DEWEY, whose term would have expired 1883, resigned Feb. 7, 1881.	

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN W. ALLARD.

## Report of School Committee.

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The School Committee submit the following report :

Eighteen months since, Mr. John W. Allard, a gentleman of thorough scholarship and unblemished character, devoted from his early manhood to the business of education, for many years a teacher in this immediate vicinity, and then for about eight years a successful superintendent of schools, was engaged as Superintendent of our public schools. A year since, we declared ourselves in our report, satisfied with our selection. Mr. Allard's undivided attention to his duties, his knowledge of his business, his faithfulness and his tact have all confirmed that satisfaction. The schools have become better, more evenly graded, under his charge, and are doing excellent work. Especially have the primary and the lower grades of the grammar schools been improved. New and more natural methods of teaching the little children numbers, reading, writing and a great variety of facts which will be useful to them all their lives, have been introduced with marked success. The children are interested, even eager in their work. They will go into the higher grades much better qualified than under the old system. Indeed, his method of beginning at the foundation is the right one, and the benefit received by such training in the primary schools will be felt all through the pupil's subsequent school course. We are glad to state that our primary teachers generally have both the ability and the desire to carry out Mr. Allard's ideas, which are indeed the ideas of the best educators of the present day. We regret that very many of the parents and citizens of the town, who wish our schools to be efficient, do not yet understand, through personal visitation, the great advance that is being made in our schools. A thorough understanding of the work to be done in our schools, and of the fact that a Committee cannot do it, is a sufficient argument in favor of the employment of a Superintendent.

At the close of the Spring term of the High School last June, Mr. Hale, who had taught for ten years, retired from the position of principal. From a large number of applications, many of them

with high recommendations, the Committee selected Mr. H. W. Lull, for some years assistant teacher in the large High School of Manchester, N. H., as principal of our High School. One of the best of his high recommendations was the anxiety of the Manchester Committee to retain him. It was decided to make the school still more efficient by placing in it a college graduate as first assistant. Mr. F. B. Sherburne, a gentleman of finished scholarship, and of experience as teacher of a high school, was secured for this position. Misses Anna M. Bancroft and M. A. Parkhurst were unanimously re-elected assistants. The ability, experience, faithfulness and tact of these teachers arouse the interest and ambition of the pupils, and secure good work.

It is to be regretted that the High School house is not larger and more commodious, but perhaps the time for a change has not yet come.

We regret that we have to report the resignation of Judge Chas. A. Dewey, who has been a member of the Board and served as chairman for several years. His scholarship and his interest in the schools, his wise impartiality, his good counsel in difficult cases, which often come before a committee, made him a valuable member of the Board. His genial character and his many good qualities made him a very agreeable colleague.

The appropriations made for the support of our schools for the past year were as follows :

For Salaries of teachers,	.	.	.	\$16,500 00	
Salary of Superintendent,	.	.	.	1,500 00	
Evening schools,	.	.	.	700 00	
Care of school-houses,	.	.	.	1,000 00	
Fuel,	.	.	.	1,000 00	
Repairs,	.	.	.	1,000 00	
Incidentals,	.	.	.	800 00	
				<hr/>	\$22,500 00
Revenue from dog tax (one half),	.	.	.	\$214 04	
School fund,	.	.	.	303 11	
				<hr/>	517 15
Total,	.	.	.	.	<hr/> \$23,017 15

The expenses of the year have been :

Salaries of teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	\$16,400 87
Salary of Superintendent,	.	.	.	.	.	1,350 00
Evening school,	.	.	.	.	.	188 00
Care of school-houses,	.	.	.	.	.	1,028 00

Fuel, . . . . .	\$1,112 14
Repairs, . . . . .	717 20
Incidentals, . . . . .	827 15
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$21,623 36</u>

Appropriation by the Town, Mar., 1880, \$22,500 00  
 Within the amount of appropriations, . 876 64

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### FOR TEACHING.

Paid S. W. Hale, . . . . .	\$562 50
Lillie B. Godfrey, . . . . .	168 75
Mary A. Parkhurst, . . . . .	493 75
Anna M. Bancroft, . . . . .	512 50
H. W. Lull, . . . . .	975 00
F. B. Sherburne, . . . . .	455 00
Jennie A. Whiting, . . . . .	610 00
Mary J. Kelley, . . . . .	351 50
Jennie M. Russell, . . . . .	314 50
Mallie F. Gleason, . . . . .	314 50
Helen S. Eames, . . . . .	556 67
Alice B. Chapin, . . . . .	356 50
Mary F. Devine, . . . . .	307 70
Ellen A. Moriarty, . . . . .	314 50
Edward Day, . . . . .	610 00
Carra V. Saddler, . . . . .	351 50
Lilla A. Cook, . . . . .	310 25
Mary F. Aylward, . . . . .	314 50
Carrie L. Harris, . . . . .	407 00
Minnie L. Mann, . . . . .	407 00
Kate F. Martin, . . . . .	401 50
Eva W. Cook, . . . . .	314 50
Ada A. Skinner, . . . . .	314 50
Faustina M. Knight, . . . . .	314 50
Kate Chapin, . . . . .	289 00
Anna E. Sheldon, . . . . .	241 40
S. Eldora Sheldon, . . . . .	314 50
Emily T. Hart, . . . . .	314 50
Maggie F. Madden, . . . . .	314 50
Susan R. Inman, . . . . .	314 50
Anna L. Bell, . . . . .	314 50
Julia E. Barry, . . . . .	314 50
Mary E. Cochran, . . . . .	314 50

Paid Sarah F. Burns, . . . . .	\$314 50
Mary J. Kelley, 2d, . . . . .	314 50
Delia C. Gleason, . . . . .	337 25
Augusta A. Cay, . . . . .	314 50
Jenny L. Goodrich, . . . . .	314 50
Amanda C. Scammell, . . . . .	314 50
Kate McNamara, . . . . .	314 50
Susan R. Broderick, . . . . .	314 50
Hannah M. Broderick, . . . . .	314 50
Eva E. Aldrich, . . . . .	407 00
Kate A. Wallace, . . . . .	314 50
Mary Fisher, . . . . .	32 50
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	\$16,400 87
Unexpended, . . . . .	99 13
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	\$16,500 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$16,500

#### FOR CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid Wm. Kelly, . . . . .	\$135 50
John Burke, . . . . .	166 50
P. Donahoe, . . . . .	54 00
F. A. Morrill, . . . . .	176 00
Mrs. Milan, . . . . .	55 50
John Brennan, . . . . .	55 50
Mary J. Kelley, . . . . .	5 00
W. Stimpson, . . . . .	24 00
Eva W. Cook, . . . . .	6 00
Kate Wallace, . . . . .	18 50
E. T. Hart, . . . . .	6 00
S. R. Broderick, . . . . .	18 50
Eva E. Aldrich, . . . . .	19 00
Carrie L. Harris, . . . . .	18 50
Augusta A. Cay, . . . . .	18 50
Hannah M. Broderick, . . . . .	18 50
A. C. Scammell, . . . . .	18 50
S. W. Hale, . . . . .	37 50
John Gaffeny, . . . . .	112 50
Kate McNamara, . . . . .	12 50
Minnie L. Mann, . . . . .	12 50
Delia C. Gleason, . . . . .	12 50



Paid Jennie L. Goodrich, . . . . .	\$12 50
E. Gerry, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$1,028 00

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Overdrawn, . . . . .	28 00

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#### FOR EVENING SCHOOL.

Paid Chas. J. Thompson, on Winter term of 1879-80, .	\$108 00
“ “ “ 1880-81, .	41 67
B. H. Montague, janitor, . . . . .	12 25
F. B. Sherburne, . . . . .	26 00
J. W. Allard, sundries, . . . . .	8 08
B. M. Montague, janitor, etc., . . . . .	6 00
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	\$202 00

Appropriated, . . . . .	\$700 00
Within the appropriation, . . . . .	488 00

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#### SUPERINTENDENT.

Paid John W. Allard, . . . . .	\$1,350 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Unexpended, . . . . .	150 00

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#### FOR REPAIRS.

Paid Jas. Bergin, shingling school houses, etc., .	\$65 57
Walnut Shade Tree Ass'n, trees at Park school, .	13 67
T. E. Morse, . . . . .	75 94
John Taft, plastering, . . . . .	14 00
Galen Davis & Co., . . . . .	3 08
L. L. Wheelock, mason work, . . . . .	9 56
S. W. Pierce, “ “ . . . . .	10 25
Field & Crosby, lumber and shingles, . . . . .	136 08
Geo. H. Kendall, . . . . .	1 37
Eldridge & Beatty, blackboarding, painting, etc., .	301 50

Paid D. B. Jenks, supplies, . . . . .	\$10 42
Chapman & Winn, laying shingles, etc., . . . . .	69 11
Richard Carroll, cutting steps at High school, . . . . .	2 00
John Gaffeny, sundries, . . . . .	4 65
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	\$717 20
Unexpended, . . . . .	282 80
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	\$1,000 00
Appropriation for repairs, . . . . .	\$1,000 00

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FOR FUEL.

Paid Field & Crosby, . . . . .	\$158 80
Barney & Son, . . . . .	98 34
L. A. Cook, . . . . .	855 00
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Expended, . . . . .	\$1,112 14
Appropriation, . . . . .	1,000 00
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Excess over appropriation, . . . . .	\$112 14

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FOR INCIDENTALS.

Paid Thomas Quirk, use of well, . . . . .	\$5 00
Baker, Pratt & Co., globe, etc., . . . . .	42 00
T. Donahue, truant officer, . . . . .	30 00
John Madden, use of well, . . . . .	5 00
Thos. Fitz Maurice, use of well, . . . . .	2 00
David Ahern, use of well, . . . . .	5 00
Geo. G. Parker, rent, . . . . .	60 00
Chas. J. Thompson, Sec., two years, . . . . .	65 00
John Gleason, use of well, . . . . .	3 00
A. S. Tuttle, sundries, . . . . .	14 41
Cook & Sons, printing, . . . . .	43 00
N. B. Johnson, book, . . . . .	2 00
J. W. Harris, . . . . .	55 41
A. E. Barker, cleaning privies, . . . . .	24 00
J. W. Allard, supplies, books, paper, etc., . . . . .	259 54
Frank Morrill, cleaning, . . . . .	4 25
Mary McCarty, " . . . . .	6 59
Wm. Kelly, " . . . . .	5 50

Paid A. Trochsler, diplomas,	. . . . .	\$30 00
John E. Burke, cleaning,	. . . . .	8 50
John Gaffeny, “	. . . . .	13 75
R. C. Eldridge, repairing clocks,	. . . . .	7 00
Milford Gas Light Co., .	. . . . .	21 33
H. E. Morgan, chemicals,	. . . . .	3 10
Timothy Wallace, use of well,	. . . . .	5 00
D. B. Jenks, . . . . .	. . . . .	32 48
J. H. Putnam, furnace regulator,	. . . . .	15 00
Bartlett & Ellis, sundries,	. . . . .	19 49
Geo. O. Hatch, use of well,	. . . . .	5 00
O. B. Parkhurst, . . . . .	. . . . .	5 00
William Kelley, . . . . .	. . . . .	18 00
Geo. W. Stacey, papers, etc.,	. . . . .	9 80
E. Whitney, 2d, filling out diplomas,	. . . . .	2 00
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Appropriation, . . . . .	\$800 00
Excess over appropriation, . . . . .	27 15

We recommend the following appropriations :

For Salaries of teachers, . . . . .	\$16,000 00
Salary of Superintendent, . . . . .	1,500 00
Care of school houses, . . . . .	1,000 00
Fuel, . . . . .	1,100 00
Repairs, . . . . .	1,000 00
Evening school, . . . . .	500 00
Incidentals, . . . . .	800 00
Repairs to High school house, . . . . .	400 00
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	\$22,300 00

If, in any instance, the figures in the above tables do not agree with those of the Selectmen, it will be due to the fact that an order or orders given by the School Committee may not yet have reached the Selectmen.

All of which is respectfully submitted, together with the following report of the Superintendent, for which we ask a careful perusal.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Chairman,  
 ZIBEON C. FIELD,  
 GEO. G. PARKER,  
 JOS. F. HICKEY,  
 CHAS. J. THOMPSON, Secretary,  
*School Committee of Milford.*

# Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

In compliance with your regulations, I respectfully submit my second annual report, which is also the fourth of the consecutive series of annual reports made by the Superintendents of the schools of Milford.

Our schools have completed the work of another year. It is my present duty to record the results ; and it is with a fair degree of honorable pride and satisfaction that I now read to you this record of the last year's work. These feelings arise not from any idea that our system of instruction has reached the summit of perfection, nor from any delusive thought that there is not now existing a wide interval between the actual and the attainable in school management, but because it can be truly said that our schools have made marked and substantial progress in the year now closing.

The appended tables and statistics, and the history of the work of the schools, will verify this statement. Our record of figures and facts will compare favorably with that of any previous year, and likewise with similar data from other towns in New England. Such records and such comparisons are often destructive to local pride and prejudice ; yet, by their study, we regret and abandon the errors and shortcomings of the past, and are aroused to wiser and more persistent efforts in the future.

While it is true that a general public sentiment favors a liberal and just policy toward the schools, yet a very small number of our people have a clear conception of the magnitude of their work, or an adequate appreciation of their necessities. If the patrons of the schools shall become more deeply impressed with their power and needs, and so thoroughly informed about their present condition as to act intelligently in all matters connected with our school system, one object sought in this report will have been reached.

## ENROLLMENT.

The whole number of names registered in the day schools during the past year has been 2,648.



The transfers of children from one school to another, caused by a change of residence, the promotions made at unusual times, and other cases of double enrollment, have been deducted, and the **2,301 names** which remain, represent *the whole number of different pupils* that have received some instruction in the schools. This number is only 72 less than last year's.

It was supposed that the withdrawal of nearly 200 children from the public schools to the church schools, would lessen the aggregate attendance by that number. But the rigid enforcement of the law concerning school attendance by the State police, and the accession to the public schools since September, of a large number of children from the private schools, have given us an enrollment nearly equal to last year's ; and the whole number registered in the Fall and Winter terms has been only 127 less.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The average number belonging and the average daily attendance, for the reasons above stated, have been lessened. But the per cent. of attendance and the average attendance for each term, in proportion to the whole number registered for any term, are better than in 1879-80.

Full statistics are appended to this report. The higher percentage of attendance is due to the co-operation of parents, teachers and Superintendent, in earnest efforts to stop the waste of time, strength and money, which the great irregularity of attendance upon the public schools has hitherto caused.

Occasional absences or occasional cases of lateness are often regarded as of small importance. But in the graded school, where the teacher is expected to instruct and to keep together on a common line of study, her entire class of 40 or 60 pupils, the absence for a single day, now of this pupil, now of that, is a hindrance to the absentee and to the class.

The effect of such an absence is not measured always by the loss in instruction and in discipline. When school work and school duties are made secondary, satisfactory progress is at an end. The pupil should be taught to discharge his school duties with as much regularity and devotion as his parent shows in his best efforts to gain a livelihood or win success in business or professional life.

The actual attendance in a few schools has not been satisfactory. This is owing to local causes, and partly to a want of power and interest in the teacher. The punctuality of a school is due to the combined influence of teachers, pupils and patrons. As a rule, it is the surest index of their harmonious co-operation and of the interest and pride that pupils and teachers take in their work. Cases of absence and lateness must occur, but it is largely in the power of the teacher to keep the tardy marks within small limits.



But how is it with the teacher who violates, for pleasure or convenience, your rule which requires prompt attendance at school? Can she enforce upon her pupils the punctuality which she does not daily illustrate? I report with great pleasure that only a *very* few of your teachers—the digits of one hand will more than number them—have yet to learn that even in this matter of lateness and absence, “example is better than precept.” The aggregate number of marks for lateness is *several hundred less* than last year.

#### TRUANCY.

The number of habitual truants is much smaller than last year. Occasional truancies are less frequent. For this desired result, a large share of credit is due to the efficient truant officer of the last two years. But even now the days of “splendid coasting” and skating, the warm days of the early Spring, and numerous street parades, allure too many pupils from school. Many children are dismissed by their teachers for certain parts of each school session to assist their parents. This practice is not the most advantageous to the pupils, since many important lessons are missed, and much valuable information is imparted during their absence. But good reasons often exist, teachers should remember, which compel the parent to withdraw the child from school. The choice is between the partial attendance now daily given, and non-attendance for a term. This practice demands the pupil’s close attention to study when in school, and prompt obedience, otherwise the parent should be notified that the permit for daily dismissal will be revoked.

#### SCHOOL CENSUS.

The law requires the School Committee to take annually, in the month of May, the names and ages of all persons between the ages of 5 and 15 years, belonging in Milford on said first of May. At the request of your Board, the school census was taken by the Assessors, and recorded in a book prepared for the purpose. The number of names recorded is 1,874. The Assessors returned 2,032 children in the year 1879, and 2,138 in 1878. The number of children is probably smaller than in 1878; but there has been no such falling off as these figures indicate. In the opinion of the Assessor, your Secretary and your Superintendent, the number of school children equals 2,000.

False returns are made to the Assessors, who have learned to look with suspicion upon numerous small boys and girls who are “just 14,” or “going on 15.” Parents seek work for their children in the shops. Their ticket of admission is the certificate of age and school attendance which the law for compulsory school attendance prescribes. The motive for deception is obvious. Shiftless and unprincipled parents often deceive the Assessors and the

school authorities about their children's ages. At the present *apparent* rate of decrease, there will in a few years be no children in Milford between the ages of 5 and 15 years! If the children were born here, the date of birth is recorded in the Town Clerk's books, or in the parish register. The school registers have contained the ages in years only. When the age can not be determined, the applicant for a "certificate to work," should bring a line from the Town Clerk, stating the date of birth. No fee should be exacted from the child for this. If it is not the duty of this official to give such information, as I suppose it is not, the Board should incur the expense. It should be stated that many of those persons, who seek to deceive in this matter, have children who were not born in Milford, and who have not been long in attendance upon the public schools.

#### COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

The State police are vigorously enforcing the laws of 1876 and 1878 concerning the employment of children in industrial establishments. These laws forbid the employment of children under the age of ten years. Children from ten to fourteen years of age, who are unable to read and write, cannot be legally employed during the term time of the schools; but if able to read and write, they may be thus employed, provided they attend school for twenty weeks of each year.

The following form of certificate, approved by the Attorney General of the State, is issued from this office:

*Milford, Mass.,.....1881.*

*This Certifies that.....  
born in.....is.....years.....months old,  
and has attended school in.....weeks,  
during the year next preceding this date, and has attended school twenty  
weeks since.....18*

*.....Teacher.*

*Approved,.....Supt. of Schools.*

*Duly authorized by the School Committee.*

These certificates are required to be kept on file in the office of every establishment where children from 10 to 16 years of age are employed.

The only essential items on the certificates of employees from 14 to 16 years of age are the age and place of birth. The preparation of these certificates by your Superintendent has taken much

time. Sometimes eight or ten applicants will come in an evening, as every change of place of employment requires a new certificate. The school registers and the school census must be consulted ; the record of births in the Town Clerk's office must be examined, and personal interviews with parents, teachers and employers are often necessary.

The employers and the parents or guardians of the children are liable to considerable penalties for violating the provisions of the statute.

But the owners and agents of our industrial and mercantile establishments have complied promptly with the requirements of the law. The weak point is, that many boys under fifteen years of age, receive from their parents a "roving commission" to seek work or attend school, and are found neither at labor nor at school. For this, no remedy exists unless parents and employers combine beyond the terms of the law.

The present law bears heavily in one direction. Families with children under fourteen years of age, are constantly arriving from other States and across the ocean. In such cases, the children often have no certificates of school attendance, and can obtain none. The parents, destitute of means, at first find no employment, while the services of the children, which would "keep the wolf from the door" of the household and prevent the parent from becoming a pauper, are in constant demand. But the existing law does not permit the employment of a child under fourteen years, for a single day, unless it has attended school the one hundred days. Thrift and humanity would seem to demand some amendment of the law, in order to allow the school or State authorities to grant permits, in such extreme cases, to labor for a while, the time thus conceded to be added to the school attendance demanded in the ensuing term or year.

#### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Sixteen wood and four brick school houses, with their out-buildings and inclosures, will call annually for a large sum of money to keep them suitable for school purposes and in economical repair. To determine when and where to make many of the minor school repairs and improvements, must require a minute knowledge of the wants and conditions of the schools. Space would fail to record the many small, yet important repairs on school property. Most of the work, in the past year, has been done on the High School, Plains, Park, Claflin, South Grammar, City, Fountain and Braggville houses. Many of the rooms have been carefully cleansed, their walls tinted, and the blackboards thoroughly repaired.

During the coming year some of the houses should be newly shingled, many fences re-built, and steps, stairs and floors relaid.



The buildings which will demand the most repairs are the North Grammar, Bear Hill, Claflin, Old Town House, Silver Hill, North Purchase, South Milford and the High School. If Hopedale continues to grow, and the schools there to increase in numbers, provision will have to be made for a third room. In the Old Town House are found two of our most important schools. The health and comfort of teachers and pupils call for very extensive repairs on this building. The High School building shows plainly the need of such renovation and repair as will involve a considerable expenditure.

These particulars are enough to show any intelligent taxpayer that it must be a constant study of the Committee how to place the comparatively small amount of money appropriated to school repairs "where it will do the most good."

#### SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION.

*One* High School, *six* Grammar schools with their *seventeen* different rooms, *eight* Mixed or District schools and *thirteen* Primary schools, have been taught during the year by forty-two teachers.

Four years is the time assigned for completing the work in the Primary, Grammar and High Schools. A few pupils spend only three years in the Primary schools; but the great majority, *perhaps seven-eighths of the whole number, take the four years*. Pupils slow to learn, delicate in health or irregular in attendance, may require more time. The Primary schools comprise *two* distinct departments under two teachers. The Claflin primaries are in *three* rooms, under *three* teachers. Some surprisingly incorrect statements have been made about the grading and work of these schools, doubtless through misconception and not from any purpose to be unjust.

The middle room in the Claflin building, I am informed, was changed into a separate school about two years ago. It was thought, perhaps unwisely, that 100 or 125 pupils were too many for one teacher with one assistant. The children in the three Claflin rooms have gone over the same ground in their studies, as those in the two rooms at the "Sand Bank," or "Town House," *and have taken no more time*.

So far from the children in the Claflin school being longer in the Primary grades than those in the other Primaries, or taking a year more to complete the Grammar school course, *the reverse is true*. The pupils in the Claflin upper Primary *average younger* by several months, than those in the corresponding grade at the Town House, Plains or Sand Bank. The *fourth grammar class also averages younger* than the same grade at the Plains, Park or South Grammar. Now these are the only two grades that could be affected by the change made some two years ago in the Claflin school.

The new parochial school withdrew about 200 pupils from the public schools last September. The Plains, Old Town House and

Claflin classes were most affected. It did not seem judicious to dispense with any of the schools during the Fall term. But it seemed probable that a Grammar or a Primary room could be closed at the Claflin in the Winter. At the opening of the Winter term many of the smaller children did not attend; this reduced one school in the Claflin building to about 35 pupils and another to about 20.

Hence one room was closed and the children were transferred to other rooms. By this arrangement the children are as well cared for as before, and a considerable saving has been made in the expenses. In April, large numbers of small children enter the schools for the first time. It is expected that the room will be then re-opened by its former teacher; this assurance was given when the school was closed.

Whenever an overcrowded school demands an added room and another teacher, I shall urge the matter upon your Board. Whenever the pecuniary interests of the Town can be subserved, and the best interests of the schools will not suffer, I shall not hesitate to advise the consolidation of small schools.

After the current year, the Grammar school pupil of average ability and regular attendance, can reach the High school easily in four years. A considerable number of scholars now in the first classes of the Grammar schools, entered the lowest, or fourth class when the standard of admission was very low, and from six to eight years were taken to complete the course. It should not be expected that all will pass through the grammar grades in the same time.

#### SCHOOLS.

During the past year much good work has been done in all the grades; but the same measure of success has not been obtained in all. "The teacher or the pupil who seeks little, finds it and is satisfied; but he who seeks more does not find all he seeks, and he is therefore dissatisfied; for it is the inseparable characteristic of all good work that it does not satisfy the worker."

I am not aware that in any particular the schools hold a lower rank than last year. In several important respects decided improvement has been made. The attendance is better; the general tone and spirit of the schools has been raised; more natural and attractive methods of management and instruction have come into general use; the relations between teachers and scholars, as a rule, have become closer and more sympathetic.

As a consequence of all these, the order or discipline of the great body of the schools, though shorn of some of its terrors, is more efficient than before. The suspicion that in the past there has been too much corporal punishment, especially in the Primary grades, has ripened into conviction. Many of our teachers had anticipated the public in this conclusion.



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The past ten years have been most prolific in the evolution and discussion of theories upon the management and instruction of Primary schools. The child has explored many a field of knowledge before it enters school. He is able and eager to learn. But over the door of many a school-room might have been written in iron letters, "They who enter here must leave all curiosity and questionings behind." Now, in the great world of matter, the child has been a constant worker and thinker. Its discriminating and even reasoning powers have been exercised.

If in the school-room the confidence and interest of the pupil are first gained, we can build upon what the child knows and use the vocabulary that the child comprehends, and thus firmly hold it by the triple tie of affection, interest and knowledge. Then slowly and gently leading the little ones from things to ideas, from ideas to words as the symbols of thought, from what it now knows to what it should learn, the acquisition of knowledge will soon become a rapid, pleasing work, and not an endless, irksome task.

In a recent article on the "Milford Schools," in our able local paper, this was stated: "Most of the Primary schools seem to have gained a new spirit and impetus, since I visited them last, from the system of object teaching and slate exercises urged by the Superintendent. The main difference which can be noticed *is the larger interest of the children, the reading with expression and comprehension of the meaning, and the good percentage of attendance.* It is a great thing gained when the little ones are so interested that *school is a pleasure instead of a dread to them.*"

I think that the accomplished writer also noticed the great improvement in the writing of the children—formerly, in many of the classes, it was unknown—and their power of expressing thought in original oral or written sentences. If the teachers and Superintendent have accomplished the work outlined above, progress has certainly been made.

Your teachers have most willingly seconded all my plans and efforts. In many cases they have improved upon them. After mapping out our plans and line of work, at the teachers' meetings, *the work was done.* Then, after a few weeks, the teachers have visited the schools of each other and the best schools in the State. They have sometimes thought that theirs did not always suffer in the comparison. But they have returned to their work refreshed, with new thoughts and redoubled energy. And here it should be said that these visits have been expensive to many of the teachers. It should also be stated that our numerous teachers' meetings are held mainly out of school hours.

Formerly the schools were dismissed for the entire session. Hence, even with the time taken in visiting schools at home and abroad, the schools have been taught more hours than in some previous years.

The Primary schools are managed under the system which was recommended and commenced last year. Our upper Primaries and the Grammar schools, have received an impetus from the good work done in the grades below. In fact, in several of these rooms, the most marked and gratifying improvement of the year is found.

The present method of managing and teaching a Primary school is most exhausting. It requires ten fold the fertility in resources, tact and power which the old system demanded. Casual observers have noted the eager interest of the pupils in these schools. It is my duty to report that your teachers, notwithstanding the amount of added hard work which their present teaching *necessitates*, could not be induced to return to the comparatively easy, routine duties of former years.

The classes that will complete their fourth year in June next, will have a good knowledge of the four fundamental rules of arithmetic, and will apply them readily to practical questions which involve small numbers. They will be conversant with the operations in United States money. They will read fluently *and with expression*, selections adapted to their age and attainments. They will have been well grounded by oral lessons in geography. They will have had many lessons on color, form, "manners and morals," and other topics. They will have memorized choice selections in prose and verse. They will write an open legible hand. They will be able to give orally or by letter, a fairly expressed or well written description of what they have seen or heard. They will write on slate or paper a better letter than many older people can compose. All these things are done almost daily in our best primary schools.

During the last six months the greatest improvement has been made in the upper Primaries. The reading, talking, writing, sentence making and arithmetic, all show progress. I must, in justice to the faithful and progressive teachers, express my great satisfaction at the advance also made in the lower Primaries. Several members of your Board have expressed surprise and delight at their present condition.

Our schools need many of the little, material appliances now universal in all well appointed schools.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

A large number of pupils may never enter the High School. They must rely upon the Grammar schools for their intellectual outfit. Therefore the instruction which these schools impart should be comprehensive, practical, thoughtful and thorough. The men and women who conduct these schools should be liberally gifted with high character, wisdom, culture and efficiency. Many of the schools are favored with such teachers.

The course of study and instruction is based on the fundamental idea that the pupil, at whatever time he may end his school days,



should carry with him those elements of knowledge and principles of virtue which will best fit him to begin his work in life, and to become a useful member of society.

Some of the lower grades have greatly improved in their methods of teaching and management ; in others, "much land still remains to be possessed."

An attempt has been made to improve the reading in the schools. If the success has not been marked, it should be remembered that, though better methods of teaching may be promptly adopted, much time is needed to eradicate old and pernicious habits of study and expression.

The introduction into the Grammar schools of a course of oral instruction in Physics, or Natural Philosophy, has been recommended in previous reports. The omission of much useless matter from the arithmetic, and the use of a well arranged text-book in geography, leave ample time for the pupil to learn all that is essential in the foundation studies. While instruction in subjects new and taken from the surroundings of common life, especially as they must be taught orally to younger pupils, might break up the routine and stagnation now so painfully prominent in a few classes. The teacher who prepares herself carefully for oral instruction in "the science of common things," will teach the old studies with a quickened brain. If she does not prepare herself, her teaching becomes a farce.

Frequent visits of inspection, the oral and written examinations, and the result of the final examination for entrance to the High School, plainly showed the excellent training which had been given to the upper classes in the Grammar schools. The work in some of the lower grades has been exceptionally good.

No changes have occurred among the teachers of the central Grammar schools for a year and a half. This remarkable degree of permanency has tended, in most cases, to secure the unity and elevate the character of the Grammar schools.

I would respectfully refer you to the recommendations of last year in reference to a system of semi-annual examinations and class promotions, which has for years been in successful operation in many New England and Western cities and towns.

Seventy-five candidates were examined in June for the High School. Fifty-four of this number were admitted. The majority of this number, and many of the best scholars, thus completed their course in four years. It is not expected that all scholars who entered the principals' rooms in September will be fitted for the High School at the close of the current year. They entered the lowest class in the Grammar school when the standard for admission was low and the length of the course almost interminable. Many thoughtful parents desire their children to remain in the Grammar school for a fifth year. This often is wise. A few seek to crowd their children into the High School over the judgment of

the teachers and the Superintendent. This is otherwise. Teachers are only too eager to promote the children. Your Superintendent takes pride in their rapid progress. "The present organization of the Grammar schools," said the report of 1879, "allows the average scholar to complete the course in five years ; *in the old course eight years were required.*" My predecessor thought the course might be completed in four years. Having seen the plan successfully carried out, I urged it upon your Board, and it was adopted a year ago. Next summer a large and well-prepared class will enter the High School. The majority of these pupils will have been in the Grammar schools only four years. They will be better prepared for the High School than many of the pupils were a few years ago.

The adoption of better methods of teaching, and watchful supervision have made a saving of from two to four years possible, in the school course of the average boy or girl whose school days must end before the age of 13 or 14 years is reached.

#### MIXED SCHOOLS.

Eight mixed schools have been taught during the year. Four new teachers were assigned these schools in September. So many families have moved from some districts that these schools are not as full as last year, but the average attendance has been better. The teachers have infused new life into most of these remote schools. This is essential, as many of the classes are too small for much personal emulation. These schools are generally well taught and have made progress during the year.

The interests of economy and education alike, demand the consolidation of very small schools. If the good people in some of the smaller districts would be willing to carry their children to larger schools at no great distance from their homes, *and to be paid for doing so*, money would be saved and the children would be better taught. But this course should not be adopted in opposition to the general wish of the parents.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

M. Buisson, the distinguished chairman of the French Commission on American Education which visited this country in 1876, says in his famous report to the French government :

"No part of the American school system is more essentially national than are the High Schools ; no part of the system presents features that are more original, or, in some respects, more removed from European ideas ; no part of the system is more worthy of profound study. If it be true that the prosperity of a republic is in direct ratio to the replenishment of its middle classes, *then the High School of the United States, whatever it may cost, is the best investment of national capital that can possibly be made.*"



The best interests of the republic require the highest practicable education of its citizens, and especially of those who are to occupy stations of influence and responsibility. It has been said that the State has no right to expend money for the support of High Schools. But the right of the State is the right of the people, and the people have the right to provide any kind of instruction that will promote the public welfare. The founders of this Commonwealth fully recognized their obligations to provide the higher instruction. In 1647, a law was enacted by which every town containing a hundred families was required to establish a school whose master "should be able to instruct youth so far as they may be fitted for the university." Washington, Jefferson, John Adams, Madison and John Quincy Adams recommended liberal provisions for the higher departments of education, "as essential to the highest degree of national prosperity, and as one of the vital safeguards of a free constitution."

The Milford High School continues to merit the honorable position it has held so long and so continuously in public favor. With the Summer term, the principal, Mr. S. W. Hale, closed his connection with this school, after ten years of faithful service. Miss Lillie B. Godfrey also resigned her position as assistant.

Mr. H. W. Lull, from the Manchester, N. H., High School, and Mr. Frank B. Sherburne, of Lowell, entered upon their respective duties, as master and sub-master, in September. The fact that the school has gone on harmoniously and successfully, reflects the highest credit on both the past and present management. The two accomplished women, Miss Anna M. Bancroft and Miss Mary A. Parkhurst, who taught in the school *last* year, have contributed largely to its prosperity and success during the *present*. Notwithstanding the good condition of the High School, two hindrances keep it from doing its best possible work and fully meeting the demands of the present age. There is need of a course of study which, in its various departments, shall be comprehensive and practical enough for those who can remain in the school for only two or three years; and which shall have enough of the "culture studies," of the solid English branches, and of the classics, for the young man or young woman who desires a well rounded, general education, or a good preparation for the technical school or university.

Speaking of the classics, I must say that the Latin language, like many adjectives in our common English speech, is overworked in this school. A classical teacher myself for fourteen years, I cannot be prejudiced against the proper study of Latin; when pursued for years, its influence for literary culture is pre-eminent.

The briefer study of Latin may have a more limited but real utility in etymological researches, in leading to a correct orthography, in solving grammatical puzzles and in giving a clear conception of the meaning of scientific terms. But how much will it benefit the boy or girl who can attend the High School for only a few terms?



It is highly desirable that the "rush," to use the expressive word of a teacher, into the study of Latin, made by scholars whose school life must be short, or who are not fitted by nature to enter upon a course of classical study, should be stopped.

This school should offer its patrons a complete English course. I have grave doubts whether the two years' English course can be very satisfactory. Perhaps all its capabilities have not been tested. Certainly, its introduction was a move in the right direction. I would recommend that "the short, business course" should take three years for completion. English grammar and ancient history are now too prominent; English literature, rhetoric and the modern languages are unknown; very little has been done in English composition. The study of English literature and daily exercises in writing original English should form a large part of the first year's work and continue through the whole three years.

Your sub-committee have materially modified the High School studies. Other changes will be made. A course of study, to be valuable, should not be the product of the scissors and mere theory, but the outgrowth of the workings of the school itself.

The other pressing need is either an enlarged or a new High School house. The present building is neither spacious, convenient nor healthy. Intended for 75 pupils, it has been crowded with 150. If the prosperity of the town continues, the next great public improvement, after "water works" and a "new opera house," should be the erection of a spacious, substantial, convenient High School building.

The following was the order of the exercises of the class graduating June 24, 1880:

GREETING SONG, . . . . .	<i>Clara M. Inman.</i>
THE MIND ITS OWN EDUCATOR, . . . . .	<i>Agnes S. McDermott.</i>
THE STUDY OF BOTANY, . . . . .	<i>Anna F. Keating.</i>
PERFECTION NO TRIFLE, . . . . .	<i>Hannah B. McGarry.</i>
THE WORTH OF LIBERTY, . . . . .	<i>James Slattery.</i>
LIGHTS AND SHADOWS, . . . . .	<i>Luva A. Celley.</i>
THE DEFENCES OF THE NATION, . . . . .	<i>Horace E. Whitney.</i>
THE INFLUENCE OF PUBLIC OPINION, . . . . .	<i>Carrie M. Hart.</i>
ANÆSTHETICS, . . . . .	<i>Reuben A. Cooke.</i>
EXAMPLE, . . . . .	<i>Nellie M. Wallace.</i>
LEARN TO LABOR AND TO WAIT, . . . . .	<i>Sarah V. Lowther.</i>
THE POWER OF MAN, . . . . .	<i>A. Trask Woodbury.</i>
PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE, . . . . .	<i>Mary R. Tingley.</i>
THOUGHT AND ACTION, . . . . .	<i>Martin J. Kelly.</i>
OUR RAILWAY SYSTEM, . . . . .	<i>Marcus J. Patterson.</i>
LITTLE THINGS BUT PARTS OF GREAT, . . . . .	<i>Hattie D. Mathewson.</i>
OUR NAVY, . . . . .	<i>Lawrence E. Doherty.</i>

BROKEN BARRIERS,	. . . . .	<i>Nellie A. Dale.</i>
SAND,	. . . . .	<i>Clara M. Inman.</i>
PARTING HYMN,	. . . . .	<i>Hattie D. Mathewson.</i>

The following graduates of the two years' course received their diplomas privately :

MARY A. BURKE,	NELLIE A. WARFIELD,
MARY F. DESAUTELLE,	ARTHUR E. KIRBY,
NELLIE A. McLAUGHLIN,	WM. H. KNOWLTON,
MARGARET I. QUIRK,	RUTHVEN S. WELLINGTON.

#### EVENING SCHOOL.

The evening school for boys was opened in November. The whole number of scholars at the outset was less than last year, at no time reaching 50. The average attendance for a few weeks was about 25. The work of the school was excellent. It is emphatically true that few persons are fitted by nature or inclination to conduct an evening school. For three years the school has been managed successfully by your Secretary. Early in the winter the excellent coasting and skating depleted the school. It is a source of regret that the school should have had three teachers in less than three months. This frequent change of teachers reduced the school, already small, to its lowest terms. In the last few evenings the attendance was from five to nineteen. These schools require more skill in their management than the day schools. The work of the teacher must be of a helping, individual character. If a boy wishes to read, write, spell, cypher, or study book-keeping, let him do so to his heart's content. The teacher's work is to assist him in difficult places, and, if possible, excite him to mental effort. Very little attempt should be made at classification.

The principal obstacle to the success of evening schools is irregular attendance. I know of no city which reports anything like regularity of attendance. It is no unusual thing for a school to register from 60 to 100 pupils at its beginning, and in a few weeks to have an average attendance of only 20 or 30. Probably one-fourth of those who appear at the early sessions have no intention to attend regularly, and no wish to profit by the instruction. Some regard the school as a lounging place, where they can sit through a cold winter evening in idle comfort. Others drift in to provoke disorder and "have a good time." When these fellows find the teacher insisting on good behavior, and that hard work, not fun, is the order of the evening, the school loses its attraction, and, after a few evenings, they resume their old business as loafers at the street corners and about the saloons.

A third class embraces the boys and young men to whom the school offers an opportunity of vast importance. These have

determined to make the most of its instructions. I think there have been about 25 of this class in attendance during the past winter. It was a most gratifying sight to witness the earnest application of those who, after long days in the store or shop, gladly devoted several evenings of each week to hard study. Boys that properly belong to the day school should be compelled to attend there. Evening schools, at their best, are poor substitutes for the day schools. In my opinion, only those who have maturity of mind, or a fixed purpose to make the most of their advantages, are likely to be profited by attending evening schools.

If these schools are to be continued, and this I should certainly advise—since if only a few wisely improve their opportunities, the labor and cost expended upon them are more than justified—I would make the following recommendations: That they be opened a month earlier, that is, in October; that some written or pecuniary pledge for a fair degree of regular attendance be exacted from the applicants for admission, as was done in Worcester; that assistants be employed, and that sessions be held on only four evenings of the week.

Every possible effort was made to obtain pupils for an evening school for girls, *but only three applicants appeared*. Your Superintendent met these on two different evenings. I was informed by the employer of one that she could receive ample instruction at home. The school was not opened. It is a source of deep regret that the young women of Milford, whose early education may have been defective, have shown so little readiness to avail themselves of that opportunity for learning which the town so generously extended them.

#### READING.

I have carefully observed the work of the schools in the studies of every grade. Deeply impressed with the truth that the school life of most of our children is closed before the age of fourteen is reached, I have desired to make the course of instruction in all the schools as practical and comprehensive as the age and attainments of the pupils will warrant.

Reading is the foundation study; upon it the whole educational fabric rests. The mumbling, or even the distinct enunciation of words without a thought of their meaning, is not reading; it is a senseless jargon of words, whose pernicious effects are in an exact ratio to the facility with which they are uttered.

Reading involves two distinct processes: first, the formation of ideas and thoughts in the mind of the reader by a knowledge of the form and signification of the printed or written words; second, the utterance of these words so as to excite in the mind of the hearer the same ideas and thoughts. There are likewise two distinct kinds of reading, the *silent* and the *oral*. These are the complements of each other. The young pupils must be taught to



grasp silently the sense of what they read. Hence, silent reading should precede oral. This opens a wide field of preparation for the teachers of every grade.

By interesting and pertinent conversation, in which the pupil must take a prominent part, *and a liberal use of the blackboard*, the meaning and form of words which are to be used in the lesson are carefully unfolded by the Primary teacher. In our best schools the little pupil cannot be induced to begin a sentence orally until he has grasped the thought. If his eye strikes a word which is new, or conveys no idea to him, he stops and will not go on till the word is explained; that done, he has mastered the thoughts of the sentence, and will convey them to his hearers in an easy, conversational manner, by oral reading.

By this method, there is no attempt at elocutionary reading, unless that which brings out the thought in the fullest and most natural manner is elocution in the best sense. The reading in most of our Primary and in some of our Grammar rooms has been highly commended. The praise has been richly deserved by those thoughtful, persistent teachers who, in many instances, have "made over" the reading of their respective classes. I consider the reading excellent in several of the higher Grammar classes. If the reading is not what we desire in all the other grades, it should be said that some of the rooms clearly show reform and progress; may they permeate all the classes! A great obstacle to even higher progress is the lack of an ample supply of new and properly graded reading matter. New reading books of the same grade are far more profitable to the pupils than the old third or fourth reader which has been read and re-read till it is known by heart. The introduction of supplementary reading into the schools is agreed by all educators to be *the* means for improving the general style of school reading, and for giving the mass of children a taste for healthy literature.

The teacher and parent should combine their efforts to excite a desire to read, and then supply the desire with good, not "goody" books. Thus alone can our boys and girls be protected from the baneful influence of the vicious productions with which the press of our large cities teems. While some teachers are accustomed to suggest and direct the reading of their pupils, others give it little attention. When the curiosity or imagination of a child has just been aroused by some allusion or explanation made by the teacher, his mind can be easily directed towards more thorough investigation, and to reading upon kindred subjects.

Books of biography, travel and history, magazines and newspapers are used in some rooms, to give a zest to the regular reading. It would be well to introduce similar supplementary reading exercises into every school, never seeking to displace other equally important exercises. I would advise teachers to prepare a list of good books, with whose authors and contents they are so familiar

that they can interest their pupils beforehand, and thus induce the children to read them. Then the scholars should be questioned, or should write about what they have read. I know that the courteous town librarian will be pleased to render all the assistance in his power to both teachers and pupils in the selection of good books for class or home reading.

#### SPELLING.

By a more liberal use of dictation and written exercises there is much better spelling in the schools. The regular written work of the pupils conclusively proves this. A child should never be called upon to spell a word which it has never seen or heard, and which to its mind is the symbol of no idea or thought. This principle lies at the foundation of good reading and good spelling; our Primary teachers and most of those in the Grammar grades daily illustrate its truth.

Modern educators agree that the very first steps in reading are blocked when the child is compelled to call over the letters of the alphabet in oral spelling. I know of no city or town, whose schools are of any repute, in which such teaching is allowed. My predecessor wisely abolished the ancient style of spelling. Many teachers had previously dispensed with it. The assertions that pupils do not spell orally, and that, if they do, the words are not divided into syllables, are incorrect. Our teachers insist upon the careful division of words into syllables and properly placing the accent. Take the word pre-eminently. It is spelled thus: P, r, e-e, m-i-n, e, n, t-l, y—pre-em'inently. The pupil is taught first to pronounce the word as a whole, then to spell as above, pausing after every syllable, and finally the word is again pronounced with the proper accent.

The notion that our children are forbidden,—they are in many towns and cities,—to spell any during the first school year is likewise incorrect. Many teachers have some oral spelling *even in the first term*. Oral spelling is sparingly used by some teachers, as they obtain so much better results from the written method. Any suspicion that children do not learn their letters is unjust, as I know from hundreds of examinations. The alphabet is on the board in all the Primary school-rooms. The children often repeat it in regular order, but not during the first term. The children can spell their words orally, as in "the good old days;" they can also use them correctly written in little sentences of their own making. I have never advised that oral spelling should be omitted in the early years of the Primary course, though this is the rule in many towns. Even in the higher grades, the abolition of oral spelling has not been suggested, as it may be profitable occasionally as an exercise in articulation, or as a change from the common work.



Some of our Primary teachers adopt the following plan for spelling: A few words, eight or ten, are *carefully* written upon the board for the children to copy, each word being correctly divided into its syllables. No lesson is ever given a class to study, *each word of which has not been previously gone over and explained by the children themselves, if possible; if not, by the teacher.* The meaning and use of the words are made clear to them before the real lesson is begun. The children copy these words upon their slates a certain number of times *with great care*; their work is examined, criticised and marked by the teacher. At the next session, or the following day, the *same* words are given the class to write from dictation; when written, the children exchange slates, and the class is called upon individually to pronounce and spell orally, with careful division into syllables, all the words in order. Words wrongly spelled are checked. The neatness, plainness and general nicety of the writing is marked, each child correcting the slate he holds. The carefulness in criticising, and the quickness in detecting errors in *another's* work are two of the most noticeable features to one who is not familiar with this method of conducting a spelling lesson.

During the spelling exercise, the children are called upon to use the words in oral sentences of their own. Frequently, instead of writing the word alone, they are required to write a sentence containing the given word. This method lays no claim to originality, but it does make good talkers, good writers and good spellers.

#### NUMBER AND ARITHMETIC.

Two years ago there was a want of definiteness and accuracy in the Primary instruction in number. Too much had been attempted with some classes, too little with others. The first year's work is now limited to the knowledge of number to 10 or 12. Most of this work is with objects, though the memory is carefully trained from the outset. The figures and the different combinations are made on the board and slates. *Little, practical questions are daily given by teacher and pupil.* The general features, though enlarged, of this plan, are observed in all the grades. The results have been highly satisfactory. The children are eager, quick and accurate. The counting of fingers which formerly prevailed in the upper Primaries, and in some grades even of the Grammar schools, is almost unknown.

A distinguished teacher from a western state, who recently visited some of our Primaries, expressed his delight at the quickness and accuracy of the answers in number. These results have been secured by the thoughtful, persistent work of the teachers who have responded willingly to all the suggestions of your Superintendent. The classes that entered the Grammar schools last September averaged higher than those of the preceding year; in the facility with which they performed concrete work, or practical problems, they were far in advance.

Arithmetic is well taught in most of the lower Grammar grades ; in a few, there seems to be a want of thoroughness, life and originality. Too much time is given to details. Principles and reasons are not held firmly. The ability to determine readily in an arithmetical problem what is given and what is asked, must be cultivated constantly. The thoughtful reading now so common in the schools has a bearing upon this point. Said one of your most accomplished teachers recently, "I find that class of good readers which came to me will take in the sense of a question in arithmetic with wonderful quickness."

The arithmetical work in the upper classes of the Grammar schools has, as a rule, been excellent. Finding that classes were spending months on subjects which were useless for discipline or practical life, we have omitted these, thus gaining time for more thorough drill upon essential principles, business problems and written forms. Very many pupils never enter the first class, in fact, many never enter the third. But only during the last year have the simpler principles of fractions and United States money been thoroughly taught in the fourth class in the Grammar schools.

This is the first year that the every-day applications of percentage and interest have been taken up in the second classes. All this has been secured, not by crowding the pupils, nor at the expense of thoroughness, but by throwing out much arithmetical rubbish which neither the teachers, the Superintendent, nor the members of your Board have ever had any occasion to use. Was it not then absurd to teach it to children? I believe that in arithmetic, especially, we should cultivate quickness of thought, a ready application of general principles to the solution of practical questions, and rapidity and accuracy in all operations under the fundamental and other important business rules.

The results of the examinations of the first classes in the Grammar schools in June last, were highly creditable to the scholars and teachers.

#### GEOGRAPHY.

Some of our teachers feel that they do not accomplish all they should in this branch of study. No subject demands greater fertility of resources, nor is there any study in which the beauty and power of oral teaching can be more finely illustrated. If the lesson is "heard" merely, and the opportunity to impart some added and useful information is not seized, because no preparation has been made before the hour of recitation arrives, the results will be entirely out of proportion to the time spent in the lesson. Many of the teachers appear before their classes with no text book in hand, or with no slavish adherence to it, yet full of the subject. I find that such classes are ready and thoughtful in their answers to the questions of teachers or casual visitors.



Geography is the companion of history ; the facts of each are most firmly fixed in mind by associating the events of history or of general reading with the localities in which they occurred. The accomplished principals of the Grammar schools understand this thought and act upon it.

All educators agree that the first lessons in geography should commence early and should be entirely oral. Until recently very little of this preparatory oral instruction was given in the Primary schools. The upper Primaries are now doing excellent work in oral geography.

Rapid map drawing on the blackboard, slate or paper, gives the pupil a definite knowledge of geographical localities and fixes their numerous facts permanently in the mind. The adoption in all our schools of some simple, general plan for rapid, extemporaneous map drawing would bring better results, and materially lessen the time required for the study of geography.

All the schools are almost destitute of globes, geographical pictures and wall maps. The best teachers feel the need of these essential aids the most. A small appropriation should be made to supply the Primary and Grammar schools with the means required for making the instruction more vivid and practical.

#### HISTORY.

History is studied during the last year in the Grammar schools. This study should be commenced in the second class at Christmas or earlier. Enough useless matter can be omitted from the arithmetic and geography to give that class a taste of history. It is difficult to give much color and life to the dry facts contained in the average school history unless the teacher draws freely from other sources of information. With only a year's study, our teachers do not find the time to supplement the text book as they desire, by oral information and references to more extended historical works.

By over-work on the part of teachers and many pupils, the results in history at the closing examinations last June, were very satisfactory.

#### LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR.

In past years there has been too much instruction in technical grammar and too little practice in the correct use of oral and written language. It was no uncommon thing for the pupil to have the whole grammar at his tongue's end, but to fail in applying the most common principles to the simplest sentences of his own composing. Hence a new line of instruction was adopted. First of all, gaining the confidence of the child, the primary teacher leads it to *talk freely* about some well known object, as a cat or a chicken. This is his first language lesson. As soon as he has learned the form and meaning of a few common words, they are

written in sentences, he grasps the thought and expresses it orally. He copies words and little sentences from the board, and soon forms original—often very original—sentences upon his slate.

The skillful teacher cautiously corrects the wrong use of words and forms, and *practice* brings the habit of using them correctly. This work is extended from grade to grade. The child masters the mysteries of gender, case, number and various inflections, without even knowing the terms or rules of grammar. We learn to do things by doing them. When speaking of its father or mother twice in the same connection, does the child ever make a mistake in the gender form of the proper pronoun? When speaking of the four books on the desk, does it say, "See the four book?" Yet it knows nothing of number or gender, as grammatical terms.

To instruct properly a class in language demands more thought and power than is usually given to geography or arithmetic. Our teachers have surprised me by the success of their work. I am often shown in the lowest Primary rooms little sentences and letters which would do credit to older heads. The teachers of the upper Primaries are rivalling each other in this most practical branch of instruction. Some of the classes will nearly cover the ground of the grade above.

When the pupil reaches the Grammar schools, the technical grammar of the text-book is at first used sparingly, and only to avoid repetition and to secure more rapid progress. The text-book itself, by its numerous omissions of things formerly taught, has enabled the teachers to find other topics "to be omitted," and thus adapt their teachings to the capacity and need of the pupil. Some find it difficult to break away from the text-book, or to supplement its work. Hence their pupils do not express themselves readily in oral and written language. This is a result of a lack of thoughtful preparation by the teacher and of daily practice by the pupil.

With rare exceptions, the teachers exact many short, written exercises from the pupils. These are almost worthless unless examined, kindly criticised and corrected. I believe that the *amount* of written work now common in the Grammar schools *far exceeds* that done four or five years ago; the *quality* is immeasurably superior. The scholars in the second classes of the Grammar schools are today more ready and exact in their use of language than pupils formerly were who had spent years in some High Schools. The examination papers and other exercises of the first classes, show the benefits arising from constant training in the written expression of thought. For I have seen papers in grammar that were models—of false syntax, and papers in geography that were oblivious to all known rules of spelling, use of capitals, syntax, or locality. But the improvement annually made in the general appearance and accuracy of the written work will be more and more marked as the lower grades are advanced.



## PENMANSHIP.

The first attempts at writing are made in the lowest Primary rooms upon the blackboard and slate. During the first two or three years of their school life, the children acquire an open, legible hand ; they write their spelling and reading lessons, they also compose little sentences, stories and letters. In the upper Primary rooms, slate writing is continued, and tracing books, to be used with lead pencils, are begun.

I should be unjust did I not report a decided advance in the Primary grades, as a whole, and especially during the last five months, in the handwriting of the children.

The condition of this branch of instruction and its proper management in the Grammar grades, has been discussed at our teachers' meetings. Some of our best teachers saw the fact more clearly than I, that the general handwriting of the children failed to show any improvement, but rather grew worse during their first term in the Grammar schools. The handwriting in the copy book, which is very limited in its range, was quite good. This defect seems to have been caused by a want of continued practice in copying excellent handwriting from the blackboard. The children in the primary grades have been wont to copy, upon slate or paper, much written work which had been placed on the board *in the best possible handwriting of the teacher*.

Comparatively little in this line of work was done in the lowest Grammar class. Now the teachers are required, in addition to the daily drill in the copy book, to continue the methods which worked so well in the primary grades.

But besides this, it is essential that teachers should carry on this branch with care and persistency, bestowing upon it that well directed energy and enthusiasm which they give to arithmetic, geography or any favorite study. "Every person cannot become a good penman." True, but it is no excuse for attempting little, because a pupil's first efforts are not promising. And, in a school where penmanship is well taught for a considerable time, not many a scholar should be called a bad penman. When the fullest compliance with all essential requirements is not insisted upon by the teacher, he will soon find the pupil in those heedless, slovenly habits which are destructive to all good penmanship. Intelligent instruction upon correct principles, given in the correct order, and constant, sharp oversight must attend this study through all the grades. I would recommend that the upper Primary rooms be furnished with ink wells and that the children be taught the proper use of pen and ink upon paper before they enter the Grammar schools. The slate work and the pen and ink work would thus go on in parallel lines.

Children younger than those in the first classes of our upper Primaries are taught, in many towns, to write well with pen and ink.

I have also partly secured the services, subject to your approval, of a thoroughly competent person to give the teachers special instruction and drill, not simply in good penmanship, but in the best methods of teaching this branch, which he would also illustrate, without expense to them or to you, in some of the schools.

It is clear that our schools should furnish the pupils who must leave them at an early age, with a plain, even, legible, easy handwriting. Such a hand is not a mere accomplishment, it is a prime necessity before employment in many departments of business can be obtained.

#### TEACHING.

Perhaps the most vital duty which devolves upon the School Committee is to secure competent teachers for the schools. It is not every graduate of the High School or of the college, even, that can succeed as a teacher. This natural inability involves no disgrace. When the ability to teach is wanting, neither scholarship, social position nor limited means can supply the deficiency.

During an experience of sixteen years in the supervision of schools, for seven of those same years having been also a teacher, I can remember more than one instance where the Committee and the Superintendent incurred unjust criticism for refusing to employ or retain incompetent teachers. But I have supposed that our schools, which the whole people support, should be conducted on sound and just business principles. By my advice they can not become asylums for incompetency, or mere charitable institutions. I have no sympathy with the notion that the schools are for the pastime of pupils or convenience of teachers. The work of life is too great, too pressing, to tolerate in any of us a mere perfunctory performance of duty. The schools, sustained as they are by the labor and self-sacrifice of the community, are for the benefit of the whole people.

This town fortunately enjoys the services of an earnest and progressive body of teachers, who, with rare exceptions, not only have an intelligent and lofty conception of their duties and responsibilities, but who also have the will and ability to discharge them wisely.

The towns of the Commonwealth whose schools rank highest in efficiency are making the greatest efforts to secure the most experienced and accomplished teachers for the Primary grades. This is as it should be. It requires more tact and skill to teach the elements of English to a child in his first year at school, than it does to teach the elements of Latin to a High School pupil. It is as essential, perhaps more, that the younger child should be the better taught. Teaching is an art, a science, a profession. The laws require special preparation and study from those who seek to practice the profession of law or medicine. Is no special training



and preparation requisite for those who would practice on the youthful mind? The State has established Normal schools. Many more would prepare themselves specially for the work of teaching, if they did not think it easy to secure and retain situations as teachers through influential friends. Few persons outside of a School Committee know how strong a pressure is often applied to advance the interest of friends and relatives, regardless of the good of the schools. But individual interests should be subordinate to the general good.

In the long list of applicants for teachers' places are several promising graduates of the High School. I would recommend that all candidates be examined, and that some be selected as assistants, without pay, for our larger primary schools. They should be placed in the rooms and under the direction of our most successful teachers. They could give our overworked teachers valuable assistance in many little things. They would also have daily practice in teaching, under the eye of a skilled workman. In this way they would be enabled soon to take the place of teachers that are temporarily absent; and if they developed any tact, skill or power in teaching, would be prepared to manage successfully a school of their own. This scheme has been in successful operation in several towns of the State during the last year. There are some young ladies who would enter the schools next term under the plan above suggested.

#### COST OF SCHOOLS.

The *cost* of instruction depends upon the salaries paid to the teachers, but the *value* of such instruction depends upon the attainments, experience and skill of the teachers who give it. Instruction may be dear at any price or it may deserve the most liberal compensation. The employing of cheap teachers to educate our youth might slightly reduce the cost of instruction, but it would be fatal to the efficiency of the schools. A business man in whose establishment there is an important vacancy, does not close a bargain with the person who offers his services at the lowest wages. He examines into his character and fitness for the position; if found competent, he hires him and *grades his pay according to his work*.

Teachers who have achieved a brilliant success, or shown their solid worth by years of valued service, have a just claim to generous treatment and fair salaries.

The cost of the schools of Milford whether based on the whole number of pupils for the year, or the average number registered for any term, is less than that of many other towns of its size in the State.

I know of no body of teachers so poorly paid as the earnest, progressive teachers of your Primary grades. I would recommend that the salaries of experienced and approved teachers in the Primary

schools and in the lower grades of the Grammar schools, be placed on the same basis, which should be length of service and success in teaching, regardless of the grade.

The present business prosperity of the town may warrant some increase in the salaries of your oldest and ablest teachers. The addition of a few hundred dollars to the school funds has almost no appreciable effect upon the rate of taxation. The poor man who has a family of little ones to educate, is the greatest sufferer if the public schools are not properly taught and wisely managed. He cannot, like his more wealthy neighbor, send his children away to be educated ; he must suffer without remedy. It therefore interests all citizens that the best possible instruction should be given in the schools ; such instruction can be secured only by the retention of skilled teachers upon fair salaries.

#### MANNERS AND MORALS.

Under our American system of education it is not the province of the public schools to impart religious instruction, but all moral training falls within its scope. The charge is often made by the daily press, that pure conservator of the public morals, that the schools are so intent upon sharpening the intellect that the moulding of character is utterly neglected. Though the schools can only supplement the mightier influences of the home and the church, yet any system of instruction which ignores the necessity for "gentle manners and good morals," fails in its most essential work.

To represent that a cultivated and efficient corps of teachers entirely neglects the development of character and the refinement of manners of their pupils is unjust ; to claim that the highest and best efforts are always exerted, would be untrue.

First of all, the teacher must *be*, not seem, what he would lead his pupils to become. Moral influences are most potent when the precept set forth is illustrated by a living example. Since it is not so much by set, formal teachings that the character of the pupil will be moulded, as by those silent forces which inhere in the teacher's demeanor and character. It is true that the every day occurrences of the school room, play ground and street, can furnish many a vivid object lesson upon the beauty and power of noble conduct and right action.

The relation of pupils to each other, to their teachers and parents, to the civil authorities and to their superiors generally, will furnish fruitful themes for conversation in the school room. Truthfulness, honesty, purity, obedience, politeness, kindness, generosity, temperance in all things, and industry, can be painted in the most attractive colors, while lying, slander, stealing, disobedience, laziness, intemperance and the kindred horde of vices, can be made odious.

The true teacher, all unconsciously, extends his influence to the home of the pupil. Aided by the parent, he will lay deep and



strong the noble elements of a manly, womanly character. If the moral training received from the schools could be now supplemented at home, as it was one hundred fold "in the good Old Colony times," the charge of a want of moral instruction and moral sensitiveness would never be brought against the public schools.

#### GENERAL.

With gratitude I allude to the hold our schools have upon the public regard. The system is accepted ; the schools are willingly supported ; unkindly criticism from the patrons of the schools is rare ; the improved attendance, their generally good discipline, the quiet, steady progress of their pupils, and the general esteem with which children and parents regard them, are not suggestive points of attack. I do not claim that our schools are perfect. When society is perfect we shall have perfect schools. No one sees more clearly than the writer that defects exist. I shall seem to many to have criticised with an unsparing pen. But whatever in management or instruction shall withstand the trials of time will be carefully preserved. The theories of the present years, so fruitful in more kindly and flexible means of control and discipline, and in more natural and thoughtful methods of teaching, are subjected to the crucial tests of the school-room. The delusive dross is thrown out, but the fine gold is carefully treasured.

It has been my belief that our people should have the fullest information upon all that concerns the schools. This very fullness of knowledge will prevent a thriving community from seeking "cheap teaching and cheap schools."

"What a people or community wishes to become, it should put into its schools." For the standing of the schools of to-day will largely determine the character of the men and women of years to come. No community can be truly prosperous that does not make liberal provision for the intellectual and moral training of its children. Moreover, the stability of republican institutions depends on the virtue and intelligence of the people ; but general intelligence can be secured only through the public school. These free schools, therefore, should furnish that education which will qualify our youth not only to enter upon all honorable fields of labor, but also to discharge intelligently those weighty obligations which rest upon American citizens.

The requirements of this century, restless with bodily and mental activity, demand a more extended knowledge and a higher intellectual culture than formerly would suffice for a proper performance of one's duty to himself and to the State. Our schools must broaden and deepen their instructions with each succeeding generation.

It has seemed a pre-eminent duty of my fellow teachers and myself, to keep constantly before the pupils of the public schools those

motives to industry and those principles of virtue from which springs all that is prosperous in the State, eminent in scholarship, or noble in character.

In closing this report I should fail in a pleasant duty, did I not acknowledge the eagerness of your faithful teachers to carry out my plans for the good of the schools.

And, gentlemen, I must express my appreciation of the unvarying courtesy, constant support and unanimous indorsement with which you have honored me.

JOHN W. ALLARD,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

February 14, 1881.

## School Statistics, 1880-81.

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Whole number of different scholars, . . . . .	2,301
“ “ last year, . . . . .	2,373
Number of boys, . . . . .	1,206
Number of girls, . . . . .	1,095
Number of boys over 15 years old, . . . . .	106
Number of girls “ “ . . . . .	100
Average daily attendance, . . . . .	1,542
* “ “ “ last year, . . . . .	1,678
Number of visits made by the Superintendent, . . . . .	679
By the Committee, . . . . .	68
By citizens, . . . . .	2,428
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, . . . . .	1,874
Number in 1880, . . . . .	2,032
Number of teachers, . . . . .	42
Whole number of scholars since Sept. 1, . . . . .	1,884
Average attendance since Sept. 1, . . . . .	1,481

The whole number enrolled during the year is 72 smaller than last year. The average attendance is 96 smaller. Nearly 200 girls joined the Parochial School in September. Since the first of September, *over fifty pupils from the private schools have entered the public schools ; many more intend to enter.*

Three teachers have closed their connection with the schools. Mr. Hale and Miss Godfrey retired from the High School in June. Miss Maggie L. Murphy, for several years principal of the West Street School, was taken suddenly ill in the March vacation, and died March 18th, 1880.

Miss Murphy was a graduate of the High School and also of the Training School. Her sudden death was mourned in a wide circle of friends and relatives. Her earnestness of purpose and kindness of heart had so endeared her to her pupils that during her illness their hearts and thoughts were all with her. When informed of her death the uncontrollable and long continued sorrow of the children made the scene touching beyond description. She died at the early age of 24 years.

\* The average daily attendance last year was 1,638.

# Tabular Summary.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Different Scholars.		Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.
		BOYS.	GIRLS		
HIGH.					
	H. W. Lull, <i>Principal</i> , . . . . .	92	97	135	97
	F. B. Sherburne, <i>Sub-Master</i> , . . . . .				
	Anna M. Bancroft, <i>Assistant</i> , . . . . .				
	Mary A. Parkhurst, " . . . . .				
GRAMMAR.					
Park, No. 1, . .	Jennie A. Whiting, . . . . .	35	38	40	96
" 2, . .	Mary J. Kelley, . . . . .	49	40	41	92
" 3, . .	Jennie M. Russell, . . . . .	56	43	42	93
" 4, . .	Mallie F. Gleason, . . . . .	48	35	35	95
North, No. 1, . .	Helen F. Eames, . . . . .	28	30	29	97
" 2, . .	Alice B. Chapin, . . . . .	46	21	25	90
" 3, . .	Ellen A. Moriarty, . . . . .	53	29	36	92
" 4, . .	Mary F. Devine, . . . . .	53	27	35	93
South, No. 1, . .	Edward Day, . . . . .	50	39	51	96
" 2, . .	Carrie V. Saddler, . . . . .	50	48	46	96
" 3, . .	Lilla A. Cook, . . . . .	59	53	44	94
" 4, . .	Mary F. Aylward, . . . . .	41	38	32	92
Clafin, No. 2, . .	Kate E. Martin, . . . . .	39	37	41	93
" 3, . .	Ada A. Skinner, . . . . .	46	43	39	86
" 4, . .	Faustina M. Knight, . . . . .	58	31	38	87
Hopedale, . . .	Eva E. Aldrich, . . . . .	24	29	44	87
North Purchase, .	Carrie L. Harris, . . . . .	24	34	37	86
PRIMARY.					
Old Town House, .	Annie L. Bell, . . . . .	54	33	44	97
" " . .	Julia M. Barry, . . . . .	44	57	56	93
West Street, . .	Susan E. Inman, . . . . .	26	28	29	91
" " . .	Maggie F. Madden, . . . . .	48	46	52	89
Chapin Street, . .	S. Eldora Sheldon, . . . . .	44	35	37	94
" " . .	Emilie T. Hart, . . . . .	63	44	54	91
Clafin, . . . . .	Eva W. Cook, . . . . .	47	48	41	95
" " . . . . .	Annie E. Sheldon, . . . . .	42	38	37	91
" " . . . . .	Kate Chapin, . . . . .	52	46	42	85
Hoboken, . . . .	Delia E. Gleason, . . . . .	36	25	34	91
Fountain Street, .	Jennie L. Goodrich, . . . . .	13	17	19	82
North Purchase, .	Augusta A. Cay, . . . . .	36	34	43	86
Plains, . . . . .	Sarah F. Burns, . . . . .	31	44	35	92
" " . . . . .	Mary E. Cochran, . . . . .	57	52	56	83
Hopedale, . . . .	Mary J. Kelley, 2d, . . . . .	51	32	50	85
DISTRICT.					
Silver Hill, . . .	Amanda C. Scammell, . . . . .	13	8	13	86
City, . . . . .	Hannah M. Broderick, . . . . .	18	12	15	93
South Milford, . .	Minnie L. Mann, . . . . .	20	14	22	91
Bear Hill, . . . .	Kate A. Wallace, . . . . .	20	20	27	89
Braggville, . . . .	Susan R. Broderick, . . . . .	18	8	17	93
Deerbrook, . . . .	Kate McNamara, . . . . .	10	3	9	95







# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

# TOWN OF MILFORD,

CONTAINING REPORTS

OF THE

Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School  
Committee, Engineers, Board of Health, Town Clerk,  
and Trustees of the Town Library

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1883.

MILFORD, MASS.:

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# To The Voters of Milford.

In accordance with the requirements of the town and of custom, we beg leave to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the year ending February 10, 1883.

## COLLECTION OF TAXES.

The mode of collecting the taxes and the time of doing so, as ordered by vote of the town, has greatly retarded their collection for 1882; but notwithstanding this, the very efficient collector, Mr. Wood, makes a very good showing.

## HIGHWAYS.

The highway department has furnished labor and material to the amount of \$1203.37, to private parties, which sum has been paid to the treasurer, with the exception of \$47.70 due from Mr. F. Swasey, which leaves the net cost of highways for the year at \$7722.57.

Early last Spring, we expended nearly \$900 to put the Upton road in first-class condition, which we thought it would be economy to do before removing the crusher to the park. We also replanked the bridge at Hopedale, at a cost of over \$200. This left a very small amount with which to keep the roads in repair through the year; but with the help of a new scraper, which we purchased at a cost of \$150.00, and the good management of the superintendent, we believe the roads have been greatly improved during the year, notwithstanding the great damage done them in excavating by the Water Company and the earth-settling where pipes were laid last

year. We have also drawn over one thousand loads of stone to the park and the old School street burying-ground the past year. We think it would be economy for the town to appropriate at least \$9000 for highways for the coming year, as there should be a large amount of stone crushed and put on the roads. This would put them in a condition where they could be kept in repair at a greatly reduced expense.

### OLD BILLS.

All the old bills owed the town for sidewalks, use of lockup, etc., that are collectible, have been collected. The bills against parties for entering the sewer remain uncollected, as we could see no lawful way of collecting them.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

Highways .....	\$7700 00
Town Incidentals .....	5500 00
Street Lights .....	2400 00
Library .....	900 00
School Incidentals .....	800 00
Care of Schoolhouses .....	1000 00
Repair of Schoolhouses .....	1000 00
Fuel for Schoolhouses .....	1000 00
Teaching School .....	16000 00
Superintendent of Schools .....	1500 00
Evening School .....	500 00
Support of Poor .....	10000 00
Military Aid .....	800 00
New Hose .....	1000 00
Incidentals of Fire Department .....	1200 00
Pay of Members of Fire Department .....	2500 00
Interest .....	8500 00
Repairs on Engine Houses .....	200 00
Town Park .....	100 00
Decoration Day .....	100 00
Sidewalks .....	1000 00
Town Debt .....	2000 00
State Tax .....	5720 00
County Tax .....	3800 00
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	\$75,220.00

# Collector's Report.

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J. D. HUNT, COLLECTOR FOR 1875.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 10, 1881.....	\$43 70
“ “ Feb. 13, 1882.....	43 70

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J. D. HUNT, COLLECTOR FOR 1876.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 8, 1881.....	\$63 02
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CR.

By abatements .....	7 50
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Balance uncollected Feb. 13, 1882.....	\$55 52
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J. D. HUNT, COLLECTOR FOR 1877.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 13, 1881.....	\$321 65
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CR.

By abatements.....	\$49 20
Deed of C. Noyes property.....	46 50
Deed of A. E. Mathews.....	43 15
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	\$138 85

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Balance uncollected Feb. 13, 1882.....	\$183 80
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JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR FOR 1881.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 13, 1882.....	\$2,722 59
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CR.

Paid E. C. Claffin, Treasurer.....	\$1,922 58
Abatements.....	800 01
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	\$2,722 59

## JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR FOR 1882.

## DR.

Taxes committed in 1882.....	\$78,994 85
Assessed since.....	207 76
Interest collected.....	45 50
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	\$79,248 11

## CR.

Paid E. C. Claflin, Treasurer.....	\$70,793 66
Paid County tax.....	3,815 00
Abatements.....	661 29
Balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1883.....	3,978 16
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	\$79,248 11
Paid E. C. Claflin, Treasurer, discount for early pay- ment of County tax.....	\$15 00

## JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR.

Sidewalk taxes assessed from 1875 to 1882.

## DR.

Taxes committed.....	\$394 57
Assessed since.....	5 57
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	\$400 14

## CR.

Paid E. C. Claflin, Treasurer.....	\$343 13
Abatements.....	57 01
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	\$400 14

## JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR.

Sidewalk taxes for 1882.

## DR.

Taxes committed.....	\$925 50
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## CR.

Paid E. C. Claflin, Treasurer.....	\$852 38
Abatements.....	43 52
Balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1883.....	29 60
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	\$925 50



# Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1883.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, February 6, 1882.....	\$23,532 04
Borrowed of Milford Savings Bank.....	5,000 00
Received of	
J. H. Wood, Collector, tax for 1881.....	1,922 58
“ “ “ “ 1882.....	70,793 66
“ “ early payment County tax.....	15 00
Dan'l A. Gleason, State Treasurer, viz :	
Corporation tax .....	6,170 88
Bank tax.....	1,117 42
State aid.....	4,477 50
Military aid.....	987 00
Rent of armory.....	300 00
School fund.....	186 49
Edward A. Brown, County Treasurer, dog tax.....	476 66
Kidder, Peabody & Co., interest on Hopkinton Railroad bonds.....	489 00
B. H. Montague, rent of Town Hall.....	506 54
“ “ “ lock-up.....	541 00
S. W. Hayward, “ “ .....	34 50
F. J. Dutcher, rent for evening school room.....	25 00
Nathan's circus, license.....	30 00
A. Hixon, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
J. P. Gallagher, “ “ .....	2 00
J. F. Morrison, “ “ .....	2 00
J. H. Wood, “ “ .....	2 00

David Quinn, billiard license.....	2 00
Alfred Goucher, " ".....	2 00
Thos. Kelly, " ".....	2 00
Timothy Ryan, " ".....	2 00
Patrick Baxter, " ".....	2 00
W. A. Pond, " ".....	2 00
John Cronan, " ".....	2 00
Chas. Gillon, " ".....	2 00
Lyman Cheney, " ".....	2 00
M. J. Walsh, " ".....	2 00
James McGinty, " ".....	2 00
Owen O'Keefe, " ".....	2 00
John P. Mahar, " ".....	2 00
Bryan Manion, " ".....	2 00
Chas. Waters, " ".....	2 00
L. A. Cook, use of water.....	20 00
Milford Gas Co., repairs on street crossings.....	12 60
Wm. B. Hale, work done.....	35 80
Alfred Goucher, " ".....	31 37
Dr. Hurlburt, concrete walk.....	8 60
Wm. B. Vesey, " ".....	10 00
Baptist Society, " ".....	11 00
I. Farnum, " ".....	12 00
L. R. Walker and C. R. Scott, concrete walk.....	12 60
Per J. H. Wood, for concrete walks, as follows:	
R. Estabrook.....	21 93
Mrs. Skillings.....	29 80
F. J. Burgess.....	11 70
B. J. Butts.....	10 00
W. B. Humphrey.....	18 70
George Draper.....	25 07
Moses Tarbell.....	12 00
Charles Williams.....	12 00
Universalist Society.....	24 00
John O'Neil.....	31 25
A. A. Coburn.....	31 30
M. A. Blunt.....	28 00
F. O. Mason.....	25 20
Wm. Sheehan.....	16 76
Luther P. Jones.....	20 52
Joseph Williams.....	24 90
J. H. Wood, collections for concrete walks, 1882.	852 38
Per Wm. L. Billings, work done, as follows:	
Milford Fire Department.....	4 00
G. N. Hayward.....	3 50
Mrs. J. W. Winn.....	75
Martin Tiernan.....	75
George B. Inman.....	127 95
L. T. Tougas.....	3 00

Edward Hayward.....	18 25
L. H. Cook.....	5 50
Mrs. A. Thayer.....	43 00
I. N. Davis.....	7 50
G. M. Greene.....	3 00
F. J. Dutcher.....	4 00
Bartlett & Ellis.....	33 35
W. J. Bartlett.....	48 88
F. J. Hoyt.....	2 25
Wm. B. Hale.....	34 82
Mr. Dillon.....	1 00
Patrick Neason.....	6 50
David Newgent.....	50
Mr. Rogers.....	50
D. S. Chapin.....	7 50
George F. Birch.....	1 00
Wright & Waterhouse.....	5 00
J. W. Roberts.....	22 50
Heath & Rice.....	36 35
S. S. Cook.....	10 00
Elliott Alden.....	6 00
John Quinn.....	1 50
M. A. Blunt.....	106 43
R. C. Hill.....	3 75
L. Fairbanks.....	1 00
P. B. Wakefield.....	50
L. B. Chapman.....	6 00
A. T. Wilkinson.....	6 20
D. Gorman.....	2 00
Dr. J. A. Fay.....	54 50
Mr. Lyons.....	1 00
George Whitney.....	50
John Mack.....	3 00
C. A. Dewey.....	5 00
S. C. Sumner.....	5 00
Colburn, Fuller & Co.....	29 25
T. J. Sheldon.....	11 25
Patrick Lynch.....	3 00
S. P. Carpenter.....	33 00
S. Mathewson.....	2 50
John Stratton.....	5 00
J. F. Stratton.....	34 40
John Sexton.....	4 50
Leonard Hunt.....	79 58
N. K. Sprague.....	75
J. R. Davis.....	3 00
Milo Sadler.....	50
John Taft.....	5 25
Everett Cheney.....	1 00

G. B. Knight.....	3 00
Jones & Shippee.....	12 00
Joshua Sawyer.....	5 00
Mrs. Skillings.....	5 00
John Gillon.....	75
Charles Fletcher.....	7 50
M. P. Callanan.....	31 45
D. B. Rockwood.....	2 50
P. McGarry.....	2 75
Geo. P. Cooke.....	2 00
W. H. Ring.....	3 75
Dr. Russell.....	1 00
C. C. Smith.....	7 50
James Igoe.....	5 00
John L. Mead.....	7 50
B. H. Spaulding.....	64 87
Moses Joy.....	193 22
Milford Music Hall Association, town license.....	23 00
Estate Abigail H. Adams, interest of same to be applied to care of her lot in Pine Grove cemetery.....	100 00
Mary E. Buck, interest of same to be applied to care of John Schofield's lot in Vernon Grove cemetery..	50 00
James McGinty, liquor license.....	125 00
John Cronan, ".....	100 00
George W. Bailey, ".....	125 00
Charles E. Waters, ".....	125 00
Maurice Nelligan, ".....	100 00
William A. Pond, ".....	125 00
T. F. Ryan, ".....	100 00
Patrick Gillon, ".....	125 00
Patrick Gillon, ".....	175 00
Elizabeth Ward, ".....	100 00
John Dillon, ".....	100 00
Dennis Kelley, ".....	100 00
Alfred Goucher, ".....	125 00
J. & F. H. Wood, ".....	125 00
L. R. Hazard, ".....	175 00
Thomas McGee, ".....	100 00
Thomas Quirk, ".....	125 00
Lyman Cheney, ".....	125 00
John Stratton, ".....	175 00
William Sheehan, ".....	125 00
David Quinn, ".....	100 00
Bryan Manion, ".....	125 00
Patrick Baxter, ".....	100 00
James Bradley, ".....	125 00
Patrick Wallace, ".....	100 00
Edward J. Gallagher, ".....	100 00
David Nugent, ".....	100 00



M. J. Welch,	"	125 00
John Rogers,	"	100 00
Thomas Kelly,	"	125 00
A. H. Sweet,	"	75 00
Wm. M. Parker,	"	75 00
Martin Tiernan,	"	100 00
Kate Fitzgerald	"	100 00
Thomas Dolan,	"	175 00
Ann McArdle,	"	100 00
Kate McCormick,	"	50 00
John McGrath,	"	125 00
H. E. Morgan,	"	75 00
J. A. Rice,	"	75 00
C. H. Gillon,	"	125 00
T. B. Bailey,	"	75 00
J. F. Stratton & Bro.,	"	125 00
J. F. Stratton & Bro.,	"	175 00
Owen O'Keefe,	"	100 00
Elizabeth Tobin,	"	50 00
John Flynn,	"	100 00
Timothy McNamara,	"	12 00
William R. Burke,	"	125 00
Albert Lavery,	"	100 00
Mrs. Michael Tulley,	"	50 00
Patrick Flannigan,	"	100 00
John P. Mahar,	"	100 00
Patrick Reynolds,	"	100 00
Patrick Hilferty,	"	100 00
Thomas Cauley,	"	100 00
Mary Butler,	"	50 00
John W. Hoppin,	"	160 42
John O'Keefe,	"	100 00

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\$125,852 67

Paid on Selectmen's orders..... 95,040 32

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Cash in hands of Treasurer to balance..... \$ 30,812 35

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ETHAN C. CLAFLIN, Treasurer.

# Selectmen's Report.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

William L. Billings, labor on highways.....	\$5,001 37
“ “ “ salary .....	720 00
John Claffin, breaking roads.....	27 60
Charles Pennell, bill.....	45 00
T. C. Eastman, grain.....	699 32
Stevens, Crosby & Co., bill....	79 01
G. A. Sherburne, bill.....	15 50
Charles F. Davis, breaking roads.....	3 15
C. O. Woodbury, labor (1881).....	58 33
“ “ “ (1882).....	699 96
H. C. Scott, bill.....	3 70
J. Simonds, bill.....	29 90
B. H. Spaulding, labor and team.....	56 67
M. A. Aldrich, hay.....	47 00
Samuel Walker, oil bill.....	3 40
W. E. Johnson, road scraper.....	150 00
Field Bros., bill.....	146 38
P. Cunniff, breaking roads.....	3 00
L. A. Cook, bill.....	85 94
Hopedale Machine Co., bill.....	11 40
Henry Willard, labor.....	6 77
Chapman & Winn, bill.....	15 75
D. B. Rockwood, “ .....	40 85
Bartlett & Ellis, “ .....	171 29
C. T. & H. S. Crosby, .....	150 38
Ira Ide, “ .....	113 21
E. J. Prentice, “ .....	60 90
James Bergin, repairs on bridge.....	1 06
Barney & Son, bill.....	7 94
R. E. Foster, rent of barn.....	50 00
Aaron Claffin, bill....	2 00
South Boston Iron Co., castings.....	47 90
J. H. Wood, hay.....	148 90
H. C. Cushman, bill.....	46 14
D. B. Jenks, bill.....	1 00
B. & A. Railroad Co., freight.....	2 37
E. Bates, plank for Hopedale bridge.....	172 85
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	\$8,925 94

## INCIDENTAL DEPARTMENT.

James G. Hill, ringing bell.....	\$ 10 00
O. D. Holmes, night watch and other service.....	122 00
Bartlett & Ellis, bills.....	125 01
Martin Broderick, services.....	4 00
B. H. Montague, janitor services (1881).....	300 00
George B. Blake, services, Board of Health (1881)...	85 00
W. J. Clarke, " " " " " " ...	50 00
Boston & Albany freight bills.....	13 42
P. McGarry, assessor service (1881).....	10 00
" " " " (1882).....	207 50
E. F. Holbrook, " " (1881).....	16 25
" " " " (1882).....	200 00
J. H. Wood, services as collector.....	462 18
H. C. Scott, rent of armory.....	200 00
John Usher, use of water.....	5 00
S. C. Sumner, check-list.....	13 00
A. J. Sumner, services as assessor.....	278 43
A. A. Burrill, counting votes.....	3 00
S. C. Wrightington, state poor.....	61 82
Cook & Sons, printing.....	285 50
Weed Bros. & Lent, bill.....	10 45
Dr. Mackin, services, Board of Health (1881).....	15 00
Hapgood & Mayhew, team for assessors.....	10 00
A. W. Keene, special police (1881).....	125 00
" " " " (1882).....	100 00
Chapman & Winn, bill.....	10 29
George F. Birch, services, Overseer of Poor.....	100 00
I. N. Crosby, services, Selectman.....	250 00
Wm. B. Hale, " " .....	250 00
D. J. Cronan, " " .....	250 00
L. A. Cook, coal.....	135 03
King & Billings, bill.....	4 25
Moses Joy, jr., surveying.....	15 00
Richard Taft, work on town house.....	4 00
E. C. Clafin, services.....	250 00
" " travel and postage.....	21 50
" " use of water.....	5 00
Field Bros., bill.....	6 50
W. E. Cheney, posting notices.....	1 00
L. Fairbanks, care of burial lots.....	27 00
" " return of deaths.....	15 00
D. A. Gleason, corporation tax.....	1 78
Town of Ashland, Cherry family (small-pox).....	208 82
M. J. Burke, return of deaths.....	15 00
T. E. Morse, bill.....	2 53
J. D. & A. F. Shippee, charcoal.....	10 50
M. W. Edwards, return of deaths.....	9 75

J. Madden, services as overseer.....	100 00
I. N. Crosby, " Board of Health.....	15 00
Lewis Hayden, recording births, deaths, etc.....	127 55
" " postage and express.....	6 55
" " Town clerk.....	75 00
" " Selectmen's clerk.....	50 00
G. W. Stacy, bill.....	10 67
James Bergin, bill.....	30 95
H. W. Clapp & Co., caps for sewer.....	13 60
A. J. Sumner, writing warrant.....	1 00
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	\$4,735 83

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### GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

Milford Gas Light Co.....	\$2,010 95
Globe " " .....	486 34
I. W. Sweet, lighting.....	32 00
Henry Connors " .....	4 00
Thomas Egan " .....	16 00
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	\$2,549 29

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### TOWN LIBRARY.

J. E. Walker, dog tax.....	\$ 214 81
" " treasurer.....	1,138 33
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	\$1,353 14

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### MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Milford Savings Bank.....	\$5,000 00
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### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

F. J. Dutcher, on orders for 1882.....	\$23,088 68
" " " 1881.....	86 45
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	\$23,175 13

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### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Elias Whitney.....	\$10,600 00
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## STATE AND MILITARY AID.

E. C. Claffin, paid state aid.....	\$4,283 00
“ “ “ military aid.....	1,436 00
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	\$5,719 00

## MILFORD WATER COMPANY.

Use of hydrants.....	\$1,400 00
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## PAY OF MEMBERS, M. F. D.

H. C. Skinner.....	\$2900 00
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## INCIDENTALS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. C. Skinner.....	\$800 00
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## NEW HOSE, M. F. D.

H. C. Skinner.....	\$994 73
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## REPAIRS OF ENGINE HOUSES.

H. C. Skinner.....	\$200 00
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## INTEREST.

Milford Savings Bank.....	\$3549 31
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank.....	825 00
D. A. Gleason, on note.....	2100 00
Worcester County Institute for Savings.....	300 00
Sarah F. Pierce, note.....	25 00
Milford Fire Insurance Company, note.....	90 00
Hide and Leather Bank.....	2325 00
Sarah F. Pierce, note.....	8 00
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	\$9222 31

## TOWN PARK.

James Bowen, labor.....	\$ 3 00
Dennis Sullivan, “.....	2 25
Wm. Britton, “.....	4 23
S. A. Vant, “ 1881-2.....	30 80
Thomas O'Brien, “ 1881.....	70
Timothy Lane, “.....	5 25
Chapman & Winn, seats.....	21 00
T. E. Morse, painting seats and band stand.....	25 09
C. S. W. Day, labor.....	18 00
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	\$110 32

## TOWN HISTORY.

Lithotype Printing Co.....	\$ 50 00
Printing.....	1525 00
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	\$1575 00

## DECORATION DAY.

B. H. Montague.....	\$100 00
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## SIDEWALKS.

A. S. Sampson & Co., for concrete.....	\$1780 15
James S. Sherman, curbstone.....	48 10
Elbridge & Beatty, bill.....	7 08
Chapman & Winn, bill .....	12 72
Wm. L. Billings, gravel walks and resetting curbstone.	334 00
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	\$2182 05

## CONCRETE CROSSINGS.

A. S. Sampson & Co.....	\$556 71
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## STATE TAX.

State Treasurer.....	\$5720 00
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## NATIONAL BANK TAX.

State Treasurer.....	\$2530 07
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## LIQUOR LICENSES.

State Treasurer received.....	\$1596 35
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## PINE STREET.

Wm. L. Billings, labor on Mrs. Thayer's lot.....	\$150 00
R. Carroll, stone work, (1881).....	17 25
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	\$167 25

## EDWARDS SEWER SUIT.

D. L. Wilkinson, services.....	\$ 37 00
H. E. Fales, services as attorney.....	75 00
J. B. Bancroft, witness.....	6 50
James R. Davis, witness.....	8 50
T. G. Kent, services and witness fees.....	282 00
J. S. Mead, witness fees.....	6 50
I. N. Davis, " ".....	5 00
Wm. L. Billings, witness fees.....	5 00
M. P. Callanan " ".....	3 50
A. W. Keene, " ".....	29 35
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	\$458 35

## TOWN VS. LOVINA H. COOK—DRAIN SUIT.

Peter McCabe, services at Worcester.....	\$1 50
O. D. Holmes, witness fees.....	57 20
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	\$58.70

## TOWN HALL AND LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

B. H. Montague, services janitor of hall.....	\$200 00
" " " " " lockup.....	100 00
" " supplies for lockup.....	10 79
" " " and repairs.....	44 90
M. P. Callanan, supplies.....	54 46
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	\$410.15

## TOWN DEBT PAID.

Sarah F. Pierce, note.....	\$500 00
Milford Fire Insurance Company note.....	1500 00
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	\$2,000.00

## TOWN DEBT.

Milford town bonds.....	\$40,000 00
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, town bonds.....	30,000 00
Park notes.....	5,000 00
Hide and Leather Bank, railroad bonds.....	50,000 00
State Treasurer.....	30,000.00
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	\$155,000.00

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS  
FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS, AND WHICH THE  
TOWN NOW OWES.

Sarah M. Whipple.....	\$100 00
Mrs. Theron Holbrook.....	100 00
Mrs. Obediah Albee.....	100 00
Wm. B. Dyer.....	150 00
Heirs of S. Dean.....	100 00
Abigail H. Adams.....	100 00
Mary E. Buck.....	50 00
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	\$700 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Seventy-five shares Hopkinton Railroad.....	\$7500 00
Bonds of Hopkinton Railroad.....	7500 00
J. D. Hunt, taxes 1875.....	43 70
“ “ “ 1876.....	55 52
“ “ “ 1877.....	183 80
J. H. Wood, “ 1882.....	3978 16
“ “ “ sidewalk.....	29 60
Cash in treasury.....	30812 35
Due from Park Commissioners, for grass.....	69 87
Land and gravel pit, Green street.....	150 00
Due for State Aid.....	4283 00
Due for Military Aid.....	718 00
B. D. Godfrey, due for labor and team.....	7 00
B. F. Holbrook, for entering Main street sewer.....	50 00
Henry C. Scott “ “ “ “.....	62 50
Milford Music Hall Company, for entering Main street sewer.....	175 00
Mrs. L. H. Cook, claim by order Board of Health.....	213 08
Fred Swasey, due for labor and material.....	47 70

RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Highways.....	\$8,925 94
Incidentals, town.....	4,735 83
Street lights and gas.....	2,549 29
Town library.....	1,353 14
Money borrowed and paid.....	5,000 00
School department.....	23,175 13
Support of poor.....	10,600 00



State aid.....	4,283 00
Military aid.....	1,436 00
Milford water company.....	1,400 00
Incidentals fire department.....	800 00
New hose, M. F. D.....	994 73
Repairs engine houses.....	200 00
Pay of members M. F. D.....	2,900 00
Interest .....	9,222 31
Town park.....	110 32
Town history.....	1,575 00
Decoration Day.....	100 00
Sidewalks.....	2,182 05
Concrete crossings.....	556 71
State tax.....	5,720 00
National Bank tax.....	2,530 07
Liquor Licenses.....	1,596 35
Pine street.....	167 25
Edwards sewer suit.....	458 35
Town vs. Lovina H. Cook, drain suit.....	58 70
Town Hall and lock-up account.....	410 15
Town debt.....	2,000 00

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\$95,040 32

WM. B. HALE,	} .Selectmen
D. J. CRONAN,	
I. N. CROSBY,	
	of
	Milford.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

## EXPENSES AT THE FARM.

Sled .....	\$ 3 00
Kindlings .....	1 50
Dry goods .....	82 58
Cattle bought .....	202 00
Whitewashing .....	14 00
Soft soap .....	21 00
Stockbridge and lime .....	27 50
Labor .....	547 72
Meat .....	334 01
Fish .....	235 18
Clothing .....	61 00
Medicine and medical attendance .....	61 31
Ladders, two .....	5 52
Newspapers .....	3 00
Sugar .....	110 54
Molasses .....	45 00
Kerosene oil .....	13 40
Tea .....	65 48
Cream Tartar .....	3 45
Coffee .....	8 20
Tobacco .....	75 28
Butter .....	185 97
Making cider .....	4 17
Repairing stoves .....	18 46
Curing hams, two years .....	11 89
Paid sow and pigs .....	68 00
Blacksmith's bill .....	32 18
Bartlett & Ellis .....	68 92
Glass and putty .....	75
Boots and shoes .....	29 70
Paid for pasturing cattle .....	16 00
“ two burials .....	25 00
Bill of S. Mathewson .....	15 00

Sawing and grinding.....	18 74
Meal and flour.....	758 28
Coal.....	37 37
Lard.....	6 58
Soap, hard.....	10 00
Grass seed.....	4 30
Flour bbls.....	15 00
Brooms.....	4 70
Whip.....	1 40
Meat bbls.....	1 50
Saleratus and spices.....	5 19
Farming implements, etc.....	9 69
Paris green, baskets, etc.....	4 34
Salt.....	7 00
Scythes, knives, forks, etc.....	3 29
Rice and oat meal.....	5 62
Seed potatoes, lamp, etc.....	7 13
Shoe findings, etc.....	3 78
Mittens, beans, sieve, etc.....	5 48
Dried apple, twine, etc.....	4 09
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	\$3,310 20
Salary of Supt. of Farm to March 11, 1883.....	600 00
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	\$3,910 20

### RECEIPTS OF FARM.

Milk.....	\$549 55
Apples.....	291 23
State aid and board of soldiers.....	189 50
Trade in cattle.....	259 00
Vegetables, etc., sold.....	148 47
Discount and premiums.....	13 76
Apple tree lumber sold.....	10 12
Ox work and pigs sold.....	20 30
Hay.....	29 26
John Gloucester.....	24 00
S. Mather.....	21 64
S. S. & L. P. Jones.....	17 00
John Madden, produce.....	34 84
F. N. Inman.....	4 50
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	\$1,613 17

PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD AWAY FROM  
THE FARM.

Mrs. M. A. Ahern.....	\$ 96 73
Mrs. Henry Anthony.....	2 15
Mrs. John Barlow .....	65 71
Mrs. Thomas Barry.....	205 48
Mrs. Patrick J. Burns.....	17 20
Patrick Butler.....	7 15
Eli D. Boover.....	29 70
Patrick Curry.....	52 76
Mrs. Mary Cronan.....	39 25
Mrs. Patrick Cloonan.....	239 36
Michael Coy, jr.....	67 38
Patrick Conniff.....	56 00
John Cook.....	72 25
Wm. Cain.....	26 75
Miss Nora Crahan.....	69 86
Patrick Clancy.....	56 63
Alexander Coy.....	24 30
Mrs. Winnefred Casey.....	14 50
Mrs. Michael Dillon.....	38 83
James Donahue.....	3 75
Mrs. Joseph Durham.....	10 20
Thomas Donovan.....	7 67
Mrs. Thomas Finton.....	46 06
Mrs. D Flagg.....	47 00
Mrs. ——— Donohue.....	30 63
Mrs. Wm. Dacey.....	201 29
Mrs. Patrick Gahagan.....	108 75
Mrs. Hugh Glennon.....	52 00
Andrew Gilroy.....	14 95
William Hayes.....	24 52
Mrs. John Hogan.....	31 98
Mrs. Michael Halpin.....	164 66
Jerry Haynes.....	4 75
Tim Hurley.....	43 01
Michael Hagney.....	39 92
Mrs. Ellen Hartnett.....	14 00
Mrs. James A. Kennedy.....	266 22
Mrs. Barney Kelley.....	61 45
Mrs. Terrence Cain.....	2 00
Mrs. Michael Lyons.....	92 45
Mrs. Thomas Lyons.....	138 97
Michael Lavin.....	20 00
Patrick Nugent .....	9 35
Ellen O'Connor.....	22 25
Mrs. Hannora O'Connor.....	6 75
Mrs. Wm. O'Connell.....	32 34



Mrs. Martin O'Connell.....	7 81
Patrick Powers.....	14 25
Thomas Surgerson.....	81 30
Miss Bridget Sweeney.....	39 50
Daniel Shay.....	138 92
Mrs. Harry Sidley.....	43 23
Joel L. Stanford.....	25 63
Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy.....	11 00
John Quinlan.....	97 53
Mrs. Michael Tulon.....	41 20
Mrs. Daniel McCarty.....	13 50
Mrs. Patrick McGrath.....	36 70
Mrs. John C. Morrissey.....	34 00
Mrs. Peter McCabe.....	3 50
Mrs. John P. Moore.....	223 54
Thos. Mullin.....	52 43
Edward McKenna.....	11 88
Mrs. Hosea Marshall.....	122 76
Miss Nancy McCool.....	220 76
Mrs. Patrick Manion.....	97 40
Mrs. Edward Murphy.....	43 70
Mrs. James Middleton.....	35 00
Mrs. Martin Ward.....	89 43
Mrs. Margaret Welch.....	52 13
Timothy Wallace.....	58 00
John W. Wilson.....	24 00
Mrs. Thomas Rabbitt.....	157 85
Mrs. Dennis Ryan.....	83 79
Mrs. Mary Rogers.....	26 48
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	\$4566 73
Borrowed.....	108 79
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	\$4675 52

Six families have borrowed \$108.79, who, we are happy to say, have pride enough to pay the same and keep their names from Town Report. \$47 has been already paid, and we think the balance will soon be. Their names and amounts can be found on book by our successors.

#### PERSONS BELONGING TO MILFORD AIDED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. Fleming Adams, Sheldonville.....	\$ 52 00
Mrs. Mary Bernard, Boston.....	34 00
Mrs. John W. Foley, ".....	18 00
Mrs. Abby Reed, ".....	10 35

Mrs. Mary Moran, Boston.....	115 65
John Moore, ".....	14 89
James Miller, ".....	25 00
Patrick Mahan, ".....	2 00
Patrick Boyle, Worcester.....	62 30
Mrs. Mary E. Hayward, ".....	70 00
Thomas Larkin, (1881) ".....	2 75
Joseph Legesy, ".....	7 10
Mrs. Mary Shehee, ".....	7 40
Mrs. Josephine Sawyer, ".....	3 70
Mrs. Sarah Tiernan, ".....	12 00
John Dogherty, Holliston.....	9 90
Lewis Hinkley, Ware.....	10 00
Willard N. Howe, Ashland.....	30 00
Michael Holland, Somerville.....	52 66
Mary Holland, ".....	12 00
Toby Hart, Spencer.....	102 13
Julius L. Johnson, Bellingham.....	55 00
Mrs. Huldah (Johnson) White, Abington.....	18 66
John O'Sullivan, Mendon.....	45 75
Mrs. Ann Quinlivan, Spencer.....	44 00
Mrs. Margaret Quinn, Lowell.....	14 75
Mrs. Edward Sireiack, Bellingham.....	91 75
Lewis C. Shepard, Mansfield.....	42 76
Wm. J. Stewart, Marlboro.....	74 75
James Murphy, ".....	97 75
Launcelot Waldron, ".....	39 70
Mrs. Joanna Slattery, Hopkinton.....	59 50
Mrs. Marcus Wilcox, Douglas.....	149 55
Patrick McQuaide, Blackstone.....	125 30
Thomas Moran, Fall River.....	38 63
Mrs. Patrick Toohey, Holliston.....	119 00
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	\$1,670 68

PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS, LIVING IN  
MILFORD.

Charles Adams, Millbury.....	\$ 5 60
Mrs. Hiram Adams, Blackstone. ....	105 00
William H. Bigelow, Hopkinton.....	10 50
F. B. Butterfield, Lowell.....	4 90
Mrs. Mary Clapp, Hopkinton.....	8 00
Michael Murphy, ".....	73 08
Richard Carey, Boston.....	16 00
John Lynch, ".....	9 38
Isaac Cox, Stoughton.....	3 00

Mrs. Jerry Dailey, Northbridge.....	182 30
Chas. H. Snowling, ".....	159 28
John F. Hilferty, Medway.....	12 01
Thomas Hogan, ".....	20 00
Geo. D. Kendall, Framingham.....	9 38
Joshua O. Langley, Warren.....	168 78
John Powers, Bellingham.....	8 17
Thomas Roberts, Berkeley.....	7 50
Mrs. Anna D. Smith, Uxbridge.....	28 01
Mrs. Dennis Hayes, ".....	22 50
Mrs. Sarah Tree, Charlestown.....	17 70
Leonidas Tourtelotte, Upton.....	32 95
John L. Hadley, Medway.....	3 70
Wm. Carberry, Hopkinton.....	3 75
Mrs. William Maley, Blackstone.....	14 00
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	\$925 49

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INSANE.

Henry Cain.....	\$169 46
Caroline Coughlin.....	195 91
Abbott L. Perry.....	170 15
M. A. Goldsmith.....	49 56
Maria Ripley.....	2 73
Bridget Hudner.....	53 82
Dennis Pyne.....	193 01
Charles W. Dunham.....	184 69
Anna Mee.....	84 06
John Coffee.....	114 18
Henry Wall.....	13 81
Kate Collins.....	62 85
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	\$1294 23

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STATE PAUPERS.

Mrs. James O'Brien,	Mrs. Margaret Callanan,
Michael Murphy,	William Harty,
William Fahey,	Crohen Connell,
Mrs. Daniel Gilmore,	Patrick Tarpy,
Mrs. Hannah Cooney,	Michael Finn,
Mrs. Susan Toohey,	John Pettit,
Mrs. Charlotte Paul,	Ernest Bernard,
Joseph Durham,	Thomas Kennedy,
Henry Paradise,	John Hayes,
	William O'Connell.

Amount.....	\$773 38
Tramps.....	15 00
Incidentals.....	15 59



## BILLS DUE MILFORD FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Medway .....	\$ 3 70
Warren .....	26 70
Hopkinton.....	13 78
Uxbridge.....	32 50
Northbridge .....	12 25
Framingham.....	9 38
Charlestown .....	17 70
Stoughton .....	3 00
Lowell.....	4 90
Berkeley .....	7 50
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	\$131 41

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1882.....	\$ 7 62
John Drona.....	1 00
Cash of E. C. Claflin.....	10,600 00
Millbury .....	5 60
Upton .....	32 95
Gloucester.....	4 25
Stoughton.....	3 75
Hopkinton.....	180 56
Northbridge .....	365 95
Boston.....	88 53
Uxbridge.....	18 01
Medway.....	32 01
Warren .....	142 08
Blackstone .....	105 00
Produce from Farm.....	1,613 17
Refunded by borrowers.....	47 00
State .....	11 50
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	\$13,258 98
Due Elias Whitney.....	21 11
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	\$13,280 09

## RECAPITULATION.

Expense of Farm .....	\$3,910 20
Persons aided away from Farm.....	4,675 52
" in other towns.....	1,670 68
" belonging to other towns.....	925 49
State paupers.....	773 38
Insane .....	1,294 23
Tramps and incidentals.....	30 59
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	\$13,280 09



Whole number admitted.....	55
Average number.....	35 $\frac{1}{3}$
Average weekly cost, about.....	\$1 25

The valuation does not vary much from year to year, only in the rise and fall of stock. It is necessary to keep the property in proper repair and in working order. The warden of the farm is paid up to March 11, 1883, it being one year up to that date. The town doctor is paid up to April 1, 1883; salary, \$150. The sick State poor are paid to Jan. 1, 1883. Nancy McCool's board is paid to March 1, and that of Mrs. Marcus Wilcox of Douglas is paid to Feb. 1, and hired help to Feb. 1. The expenses for the year ending Feb. 1, 1883, have been somewhat higher than in 1882, owing to the high price of grain and meat and many other things we have to buy. But the income is also much more than last year.—Our crops suffered by the dry weather, but we had a good average with our neighbors.

ELIAS WHITNEY,	}	Overseers of Poor.
JOHN MADDEN,		
G. F. BIRCH.		

# Report of the Board of Engineers

## OF THE MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 7, 1883.

Cash on hand February 8, 1882.....	\$ 50 49
Cash received of H. L. Patrick for use of steamer.....	12 00
“ W. E. Cheney for bill-board room.....	3 00
“ T. N. Sherman for use of derrick.....	36 00
“ Estabrook & Wires for use of hose...	2 50
“ W. J. Blanchard for rebate on bill....	9 00
“ Moore & Co. for use of hose.....	5 00
“ Engineers of Hopkinton for help at fire	50 00
“ “ “ Holliston “ “ “	9 54
“ A. S. Sampson & Co. for old harnesses	18 00
“ F. J. Dutcher for use of steamer.....	5 00
“ Hopedale Machine Co. for use derrick	39 75
“ T. C. Eastman for use of derrick.....	15 00
“ J. L. Smith for old rubber hose.....	3 66
“ Ethan C. Claflin for purchase of hose.	994 73
“ “ “ “ repairs of houses.	200 00
“ “ “ “ pay of members..	2500 00
“ “ “ “ incidentals.....	1200 00
	\$5153.67

### EXPENDITURES.

O'Donnell and Powers.....	\$ 2 50
O. D. Holmes.....	12 00
C. L. Witherell.....	29 00
Milford Gas Light Company.....	250 90
A. Claflin Steam Fire Engine Company No. 2....	261 75
Field Bros.....	58 94
Wide Awake Hose Company No. 1.....	302 00
Dennis Cahill.....	1 00
Frank Foley.....	8 00
Fred Wales.....	1 00

F. D. Holbrook.....	44 50
F. G. McLaughlin.....	15 10
Extinguisher Engine Company No. 1.....	135 00
C. E. Peirce.....	15 00
F. L. Andrews.....	15 00
Hopedale Stable Company.....	3 00
Washington Engine Company No. 1.....	692 48
Board of Engineers.....	257 50
Weed Bros. & Lent.....	5 73
Irons & Hoyt.....	85
Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company.....	300 00
Henry Willard.....	110 75
Milford Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1.....	177 50
Hapgood & Mayhew.....	5 00
Wm. J. Blanchard.....	41 00
E. E. Cook.....	2 00
Geo. A. Sherburne.....	5 00
J. O. Simonds.....	6 00
M. W. Edwards.....	21 00
N. B. Fairbanks.....	175 75
W. L. Billings.....	4 00
Boston & Albany Railroad.....	9 54
Bartlett & Ellis.....	38 01
North Star Engine Company No. 4.....	319 00
A. Tyler.....	15 59
Lysander Grow, agt.....	20 00
C. O. Woodbury.....	119 48
J. E. Wagner.....	145 80
Crosby & Co.....	18 50
Wright & Waterhouse.....	30 00
Henry C. Skinner.....	11 16
Barney Kelling.....	1 20
J. N. Lilley.....	3 00
C. W. Wilcox.....	3 50
Sanders & Sloan.....	7 72
A. J. Morse & Son.....	178 83
J. Haskins & Co.....	7 00
Asaph Withington.....	7 41
Ross, Turner & Co.....	261 00
Fabric Fire Hose Co.....	472 63
American Fire Hose Co.....	255 00
H. E. Morgan.....	1 00
L. Wheelock.....	10 11
Hopedale Machine Co.....	17 85
J. C. Coffee.....	32 19
C. Bouret.....	25
Moses Joy, jr.....	18 35
A. J. Ames.....	87 50
J. P. Quinlan.....	14 00



Thomas Gilmore.....	3 00
A. S. Tuttle.....	90
W. H. Britton.....	27 25
D. B. Rockwood.....	5 50
T. C. Eastman.....	4 13
Scott and Bell.....	5 90
E. G. Bell.....	2 50
J. H. Scott.....	2 50
Richard Taft.....	1 25
Whittemore & Marceau.....	1 20
Eldredge & Beatty.....	10 02
George A. Frost.....	10 75
C. E. Clark.....	7 00
B. H. Montague.....	4 00
Balance cash on hand.....	2 90
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	\$5153 67

There has been twenty-two alarms of fire from Jan. 1, 1882, to Jan. 1, 1883, from the following causes :

Fire in buildings, 14; out of town, 2; woods, 3; chimney, 1; Catholic cemetery, 1; burning brush, 1.

The present number of members in the department is 94, as follows :

#### ENGINEERS, EIGHT.

Asaph Withington, chief,	Joseph B. Bancroft,
James Powers, 1st asst.,	O. D. Holmes,
E. G. Bell, 2nd asst.,	P. P. O'Donnell,
H. C. Skinner, clerk and treas.,	John H. Scott.

#### WIDE AWAKE HOSE, FIFTEEN.

S. W. Blunt foreman and treas.,	Walter B. Carpenter,
William J. Stimpson 1st asst.,	David L. Stimpson,
Charles W. Adams, 2nd asst.,	Frank N. Adams,
William S. Walker, clerk,	J. P. Remick,
Fred H. Wales,	George H. Fuller,
H. D. Withington,	E. R. Burrill,
Austin D. White,	Charles E. Dewing.
Frank D. Holbrook, steward;	

#### MILFORD STEAMER NO. ONE, THIRTEEN.

G. A. P. Hancock, foreman and treasurer,	Edgar F. Pond,
F. R. P. Mann, 1st asst.,	G. S. Merrill,
A. W. Cheney, clerk and treas.,	William Kelley,
Andrew J. Aines, engineer,	Thomas O. Nelson,
J. E. Wagner, driver,	A. F. A. G. Libby,
H. E. Rockwood,	J. F. Kimball,
	Lewis E. Dolliff.



## EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER, TWENTY.

P. J. Baxter, foreman,	Timothy Kelley,
E. J. Gahagan, assistant,	Patrick Slattery,
T. J. Connor, clerk,	Thomas Quirk,
M. T. Kenney, treasurer,	Thomas Mahon,
J. P. Quinlan, steward,	John O'Conner,
Dennis Cahill,	John Manning,
William Halpin,	John Kelly,
Neil F. Devine,	John Crahan,
James Birmingham.	Michael Small,
James Murphy,	James Lalley.

## EXTINGUISHER ENGINE CO. NO. ONE, NINE.

G. E. Frink, foreman and treas.,	G. H. Cole,
G. S. Arnold, 1st asst.,	A. R. Fowler,
O. S. Knapp, 2nd asst.,	C. E. Pierce,
F. L. Andrews, steward,	Samuel Pillings.
E. L. Chichester, clerk.	

## AARON CLAFLIN STEAMER NO. TWO, FIFTEEN.

Halah Harden, foreman and treasurer,	Albert J. Watkins,
Frank E. Mathewson, 1st asst.,	Charles H. Cook,
William A. Fairbanks, clerk,	John Harden,
Nahum B. Fairbanks, engineer,	John G. Shurtliff,
C. Oscar Woodbury, driver,	Charles Allen,
Albert H. Manly,	William H. Schoville,
Joseph H. Morse,	E. Waldo Whitmore,
	Walter A. Otis.

## WASHINGTON HOSE CO. NO. TWO, FOURTEEN.

D. R. Johnson, foreman and treasurer,	Daniel Ring,
Lyman E. Belknap, 1st asst.,	Frank Rockwood,
T. J. Berrill, 2d asst.,	Emmons Fletcher,
W. J. Pyne, clerk,	Bart Harrington,
Geo. A. Frost, steward,	C. R. Blanchard,
F. J. McLaughlin,	D. E. Messenger,
P. J. Connor,	T. F. Martin.

## SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Five engine-houses and fixtures.

Two steam fire engines and hose carriages.

Two hand-engines and hose carriages *without companies*.

One four-wheeled hose carriage and fixtures.

One Babcock fire extinguisher, with fixtures.

One hook and ladder carriage, with the usual amount of hooks, forks, ladders, buckets and ropes for roping off the streets to prevent people from driving over the hose while in use at a fire.

There are sixteen reservoirs, in good condition, and located in the following places:—

One near the Town House on South Bow street; one in Lincoln Square; one on the Parish Common; one on the corner of Main

and Fruit streets ; one on West street, near Samuel Walker's shop ; one at the corner of Fayette and Congress streets ; one on Exchange street, near the Post-Office ; one on Jefferson street, near Bragg's slip ; one at the junction of Pearl and School streets ; one on Walnut street, opposite the house of Mr. Morrill ; one on the North road, near the house of Joseph Hancock ; one near the North Star engine house ; one at Jonesville ; one on the corner of West and Lee streets ; one on Grove street, near Forest ; and one on the corner of Hayward street, near the B. & A. Railroad crossing. There is a hydrant near the coal yard of L. A. Cook ; one near the B. & A. Railroad depot ; one near M. W. Edwards' stable, and one at the corner of Central street and Bragg's slip. (These hydrants are worthless, except for the use of steamers or hand machines, the same as the reservoirs.)

#### HYDRANTS OF THE MILFORD WATER WORKS—WHERE LOCATED.

One two-way on Jefferson street, opposite Bragg's slip ; one on Pine street, opposite Baptist church ; one on Congress street, opposite the head of Pine street ; one on Congress street, opposite the head of Spruce street ; one on Congress street, opposite the head of Walnut street ; one on Walnut street, corner of Emmons street ; one on Mechanics street, opposite the head of Winter street ; one on Winter street, corner of Granite street ; one on Sumner street, opposite the foot of Granite street ; one on East Main street, corner of Short street ; one on East Main street, corner of Hopkinton road ; one on East Main street, corner of Cook street ; one on East Main street, at the head of Beach street ; one on Beach street at the foot of Simonds street ; one on Beach street, at the junction of Central street ; one three-way on Central street, at the junction of Depot street ; one two-way on Central street, corner of Bragg's slip ; one on Central street, near R. E. Foster's shop ; one on Congress street, at the junction of Exchange street ; one at the corner of West and High streets ; one at the corner of West and Quinlan streets ; one on Lawrence street, at the head of Quinlan street ; one at the corner of School and Spruce streets ; one three-way on School street, opposite the High school house ; one at the junction of School and Pearl streets ; one two-way on the north road, near Dilla street ; one on the North road, near Alfred Gibson's ; one at the corner of Pearl and Granite streets ; one three-way at the corner of North Bow and Spring streets ; one two-way at the foot of North Bow and Jefferson streets ; one three-way at the corner of North Bow and Central streets ; one two-way at the corner of North Bow and Claflin streets ; one at corner of South Bow street and ——— slip one ; at junction of Claflin and Franklin streets ; one on Claflin street, near R. C. Hussey's ; one three-way at the junction of Claflin and Forest streets ; one two-way on Grove street, near G. G. Parker's ; one at the corner of Grove and South Main streets ; one at corner of South Main and Forest streets ; one at



corner of South Main and Orchard streets; one at corner of Chestnut and Orchard streets; one at corner of Chestnut and Franklin streets; one on Fruit street, corner of Otis street; one on Main street, corner of Sumner street; one on Main street, corner of South Bow street; one three-way on Main street, corner of Pearl street; one two-way on Main street, corner of Court street; one on Main street, corner of Spruce street; one on Main street, corner of Spring street; one on Main street, corner of Jefferson street; one three-way on Main street, corner of Pine street; one two-way on Main street, near Lawrence Block; one three-way on Main street, corner of Central street; one two-way on Main street, corner of South Bow street; one three-way on Main street, corner of South Main street; one two-way on Main street, corner of Hollis street; one on Main street, corner of Chapin street; one on Main street, corner of Fruit street; one three-way on Main street, corner of Greene street; one two-way at corner of Congress street and Church place; one three-way at corner of Adin and Hopedale streets; one two-way at corner of Freedom and Hopedale streets; one four-way, Chapman independent valve hydrant (private) in the mill yard of the Hopedale Machine Company; one two-way (private) on Central street, opposite the shoe factory of Jones & Shippee.

#### ENGINES AND CARRIAGES.

Milford Steam Fire Engine No. 1, Cole Brothers, builders, located in the steamer-house, South Main street.

Aaron Claflin Steam Fire Engine No. 2, Amoskeag build, located in the steamer-house, South Main street.

Washington Engine No. 1, Button & Son, builders, located in No. 1 engine-house, at Lincoln square.

North Star Engine No. 4, Jeffers, builder, is located in North Purchase in engine-house No. 4.

Wide-Awake Hose Carriage No. 1 is located in No. 1 engine-house, at Lincoln square.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Carriage is located in the old No. 3 engine-house, at the junction of Main and Spruce streets.

Extinguisher Engine No. 1 is located in the engine-house at Hopedale.

All the above apparatus is in good working order.

There is in the department one first-class heavy derrick, in good repair.

There are 3650 feet of good reliable hose in the department.

There are 350 feet of fabric, 750 feet of rubber and 500 feet of leather hose in the department, in addition to the above, that is not reliable, and would not be put into a line for use at a fire, until all the other (or good) hose was used.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the pay of members be the same as last year, and the appropriation of the following sums of money :

For pay of members.....	\$1800 00
Incidental expenses.....	1200 00
Repairs, etc.....	300 00
Purchase of new hose.....	1800 00

The buying of a new hose carriage for use in Hopedale, and the forming of a company to run with the same.

That the town build on the vacant lot, known as the old cemetery, a building suitable for the use and accommodation of all apparatus and companies located in the center of the town, and for a fire alarm.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASAPH WITHINGTON, Chief Engineer.

JAMES POWERS, 1st Assistant “

E. G. BELL, 2d Assistant “

JOSEPH B. BANCROFT,

P. P. O'DONNELL,

JOHN H. SCOTT,

HENRY C. SKINNER, Clerk and Treasurer.



## Town Clerk's Report.

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There were 72 marriages recorded in the town in 1882, of which 12 were of foreign and 60 American birth; 16 marriage ceremonies were performed by Rev. Adin Ballou, 15 by Catholic clergymen, and the balance by clergymen of other denominations.

There were 174 births recorded—93 male and 81 female; 104 had fathers of American birth, and 70 of foreign; 118 mothers of American and 56 foreign birth.

The total number of deaths from all causes were 162, of which 39 were 5 years and less; 17 were 5 and under 20; 46 were 20 and less than 50 years; and in 60 cases they were 50 years and upwards.

The following were the causes of death: Puerperal, 1; consumption, 29; Bright's disease, 3; pneumonia, 6; heart, 8; hemorrhage of bowels, 1; pleuritis, 1; old age, 13; erysipelas, 1; carditis, 1; enteritis, 2; rupture of brain (by fall), 1; abscesses, 1; decline, 3; congestion of bowels, 1; unknown, 2; cancer in uterus, 2; still-born, 8; acute hydrocephalus, 2; peritonitis, 1; neuralgia, 1; chicken pox, 1; convulsions, 2; bronchitis, 2; liver complaint, 2; typhoid fever, 2; diarrhoea, 3; croup, 2; acute nephritis, 1; tubercular meningitis, 1; spinal meningitis, 1; blood poison, 1; anemia, 1; growth on stomach, 1; lung fever, 3; marasmus, 2; hemorrhage, 1; accident, 1; congestion, 1; paralysis, 5; congestion of brain, 1; hernia, 2; fever, 3; cramps, 1; anemia, 1; suicide, 2; rheumatism and dropsy, 1; colic acute collapse, 1; spine, 1; cholera infantum, 6; water on the brain, 2; debility, 1; dyspepsia, 1; fever and insane, 1; old age and insane, 1; tumor, 1; softening of the brain, 1; rheumatism, 2; diphtheria, 1; inflammation of bowels, 1; paralysis of brain, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 2; apoplexy, 4; myelitis, 1; cancer in bowels, 2.

There were 59 liquor licenses recorded, and 260 dog licenses issued—234 male and 26 female.

LEWIS HAYDEN,  
*Town Clerk.*

# Report of Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery.

FOR THE YEARS ENDING FEB. 15, 1881, 1882, 1883.

We have given deeds of twenty lots, for which we have received \$231.

There have been 112 interments in the cemetery during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882.

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By balance cash on hand.....	\$ 19 24
Cash received for sale of lots.....	231 00
Cash from interest on notes.....	42 00
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	\$292 24

CR.

Paid Perry & Enslin, well, 1880.....	\$22 85
L. Perham, labor on well, 1880.....	19 00
Bartlett & Ellis, pumps and repairs, 1880.....	31 82
Labor, 1880.....	36 50
Labor, 1881.....	20 80
Flowers, 1881.....	5 95
L. Fairbanks, labor, tools, etc.....	26 40
Trimming trees, 1882.....	6 00
Laying out lots.....	11 00
Cleaning avenues.....	24 00
Bartlett & Ellis, pump.....	7 95
“ “ cultivator.....	5 75
Labor on fountain.....	2 00
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	\$220 02
Cash on hand.....	\$72 22

W. I. BRADBURY,

Secretary and Treasurer.

# Report of Trustees of Town Library.

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During the past year, as usual, the Town Library has been well patronized. Though not what it might be nor what it ought to be, it is deservedly a popular institution. While it is a source of intellectual pleasure, of gratification of the higher sort to so many of our people, it should not be forgotten that it claims our support as one of the means of popular education, and may well be deemed in that respect second only in importance to our public schools.

We have a goodly library of some 6400 volumes, to which additions should be made yearly, in order to keep up with the times, to maintain and increase the interest of those who avail themselves of its privileges. During a period of nearly two years, scarcely any new books were bought—the first year owing to the great expense of issuing a new catalogue, and the last year owing to the reduced appropriation made by the town. The catalogue reflects credit on those who had charge of the work, is well worth all the money it cost, and adds greatly to the value of the library.

The small amount appropriated last March, and the condition of many of the books which required that they should be rebound or replaced, led the Trustees to consider the expediency of closing the reading-room, so that they might be able to purchase some new books. After considerable discussion and due consideration, the majority of the board thought best to keep it open the present year. The same question will be likely to arise the coming year, unless a larger appropriation is made by the town. Though the reading-room has its warm friends, and many would regret to see it closed, yet very many more are interested in the acquisition of new books. If the greatest good of the greatest number is to be regarded, it would seem that the reading-room must yield to the superior claims of the Library. But the Trustees hope that a sum may be appropriated large enough to give both a reasonable support.

The generous New Year's gift of one hundred dollars made by the Hon. Geo. W. Johnson, has enabled us to purchase about one hundred new books; and a welcome boon it has doubtless been to the friends of the library. We trust that this gift will not be the



last of the kind, but that other persons will be disposed to follow so excellent an example.

In considering the question whether anything can be done for the benefit of the library, one plan presents itself that might be carried out without involving any expense. The Board of Trustees might be materially strengthened by a change in the mode of election, and in the tenure of office. And this matter we commend to the careful consideration of our fellow-citizens. Instead of choosing thirteen trustees annually to serve one year, would it not be decidedly better to have a board of six trustees, two of them to be chosen annually to serve for a term of three years? If, after the first election, only two were to be elected every year, there would be more interest shown, more care taken in the selection, and a better choice would naturally and almost necessarily be made than under the present system. In fact, under our present regulations, the work of the Board is substantially almost entirely done by the five members of the Standing Committee, who are chosen by the thirteen Trustees at the beginning of the year.

It is highly desirable that the library should be open every afternoon in the week, so that those wishing for books would not be obliged to wait so long in order to obtain them. Such a step would tend to increase the number of readers and promote the usefulness of the library. For quite a number of years past, the different Boards of Trustees have felt that the library ought to be located in better quarters. They have been looking out for a more eligible location, one of easier access, more comfortable, more attractive, and one where there would be less danger of fire, on account of which we are obliged to pay so much for insurance. But they have not yet seen their way clear to reach the end desired. They have been forced to economize closely, owing to the low state of the funds. They hope for better things to come in the future, that some time and somehow a more suitable place will be found for the use of the library. Indeed, some of us have indulged in the pleasant anticipation that ere long we should see erected in Milford a Memorial Hall, which would at once keep fresh the memories of our brave fellow-citizens who died in the service of their country during the late civil war, and also afford safe, commodious and agreeable quarters for our Town Library.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, it was voted to recommend an appropriation of twelve hundred dollars in behalf of the library for the year ensuing.

C. A. DEWEY, Chairman.

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees of Milford Town Library:*

I present herewith the twenty-fourth annual report of the Town Library.

The library year began February 6, 1882, and ended February 3,



1883. The circulation was as follows: History, 713; Biography, 723; Politics, Law and Oratory, 117; Travels, 1139; Science, 719; Fiction, 14,125; Miscellaneous, 2538; Religion, 216; Poetry, 400; Juveniles, 5207; Public Documents, 7. Total, 25,904. Number of cards issued during the year, 755. Total number of cards to date issued, 1849. Number of books covered, 2636. Number of notices sent delinquents, 346. Deprived of privileges of library by non-payment of fines, 153; for disorderly conduct, 8; for books returned in bad condition, 6; for writing in books, 3.

Books added during the year: By gift of Hon. George W. Johnson, \$100, 98 volumes, in the following departments: Fiction, 39; History, 20; Juvenile, 19; Biography, 8; Travels, 6; Miscellaneous, 6. By Gen. W. F. Draper, two magnificent volumes, "Souvenir of Massachusetts," containing biographical sketches of all the officers of the state, Representatives and Senators, illustrated with heliotype portraits. By George Whitney, the school library of old school district No. 1. Public documents from Adin Ballou, A. T. Wilkinson, Smithsonian Institute, State of Massachusetts, through our Congressman, Government documents, and from the author, a volume entitled, "Is Consumption Contagious?" There have been purchased, to replace worn-out books, 244 volumes.

The circulation of the library has not come up to former years, for various reasons, among which may be mentioned the following: It was found a large number of very young people were in the habit of exchanging books every day, and it was evident that, to a large extent, the books were not taken for the purposes of information, but for some other purpose for which the library was not established; at any rate, if read it was too much reading for young people, and, with the advice of the Standing Committee, they were allowed to take books only every other day. This probably reduced the circulation from 3000 to 5000 volumes. Another: More rules were enforced in regard to order, and a few were disgruntled and withdrew their patronage, and the library was not injured by their so doing. Another was owing to lack of funds. A large number of books needing rebinding accumulated; about 1500 volumes have been out in the binder's hands the whole year, in addition to the 300 worn out, making the labor both hard for the librarian and annoying to patrons. Another: For the same lack of funds, no new books have been added, and without new books the interest among the patrons diminishes. Under all these circumstances, the circulation has come fully up to what could reasonably be expected.

The conduct of the patrons is orderly and decorous; and it is believed that if the town makes fair appropriations to enable the Committee to add new books, the circulation of Milford Town Library can be easily increased to 40,000 volumes annually, and the librarian would recommend that any additions they may make from the appropriation should be added monthly, even if the number was small, thus increasing the interest of the readers, and consequently the benefits of the Library. The new catalogue is steadily gaining

in favor with the patrons as the method of cataloguing is becoming better understood, and with students it meets with unqualified approbation, and I notice an increased use of the book for reference and information on various subjects made available by it. A card catalogue of the additions on the same plan as the printed one, has been prepared, and all books will be placed in it, and when a sufficient number have been added, the cards can be sent the printer, thus saving the expense of compiling. The reading-room has been open as usual, but it is a question whether, with the small amount of money at the disposal of the committee, the expense of the same could not be applied to much better advantage for the general use of the library. The supply of reading matter is inadequate for the reading-room in quantity, and patrons are small in number for that reason. It seems to me the library would be better without it, as it is, than with it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATH'L. F. BLAKE, Librarian.

### REPORT OF TREASURER,

J. E. WALKER, Treasurer,

*In account with Milford Town Library.*

#### DR.

Balance from last year's account.....	\$ 56 53
Town appropriation.....	900 00
Dog tax.....	453 14
Donation from Hon. Geo. W. Johnson.....	100 00
Cash received from fines....	42 30
“ “ for catalogues sold.....	29 50
“ “ for waste paper.....	30

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Paid N. F. Blake, Librarian.....	\$ 300 00
“ “ assistant librarian.....	77 00
H. C. Scott, rent.....	180 00
G. G. Parker, insurance.....	46 38
L. A. Cook, coal.....	34 76
Printing.....	12 25
Binding and covering.....	274 95
Books, new.....	138 53
Books, replacing old ones.....	230 69
Covering paper.....	9 60
Express.....	11 05
Milford Gas Co., for gas.....	153 80
Supplies.....	24 88
Stationery and postage.....	4 47
Repairs and cleaning.....	14 15
Papers and magazines.....	66 34
Balance on hand.....	2 92

\$1581 77

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1882-83.

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MILFORD, MASS.:  
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1883.



## Board of School Committee.

GEO. G. PARKER.....	Term expires,	1885.
F. J. DUTCHER.....	“	1885.
JOS. H. WOOD.....	“	1883.
JOSEPH F. HICKEY.....	“	1883.
M. P. CALLANAN.....	“	1883.
GEO. L. COOKE.....	“	1883.



# Report of the School Committee.

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Under the present system, the report of the Superintendent is expected to furnish the town with the more important facts and detailed statements as to the condition and needs of the schools. And yet, it is still the province of the School Committee to congratulate the town upon the general prosperity and success of the public schools during the year, and allude, briefly, to some of the more important events connected with their service.

Two of the most valuable members of the Board have voluntarily withdrawn from further service since the last election. Rev. J. T. Canavan, whose thorough acquaintance with our public school system, and with a large proportion of the parents and children directly interested, rendered him one of our most useful associates, resigned at the close of the summer term.

Hon. Geo. W. Johnson, who has been the chairman of the Board since the resignation of Judge Dewey in 1880, resigned at the commencement of his services in the Senate, to which he had been re-elected. The loss of a member who brought to his work the same energy and zeal so characteristic of all his public and business life, must be apparent to all.

Mr. Mathew P. Callanan and Dr. Geo. L. Cooke were elected to fill vacancies occurring by these resignations, till the next election.

Mr. J. W. Allard also tendered his resignation during the summer vacation. Mr. W. E. Hatch of Norwich, Conn., was elected as his successor, and has made a vigorous beginning in his new and difficult position.

Time has proved that the enlargement of the High School building was none too soon. The class admitted at the opening of the Fall term swells the number of pupils to about two hundred. Nor is it to be inferred that the standard of admission has been lowered. Perhaps the impression has been made to prevail that the Committee have not used due discretion in this matter, or have recklessly admitted pupils who should have remained longer in the Grammar schools. But it appears that out of the class of pupils admitted in September last, only eight or nine failed to attain the standard required at the close of the half-year, although it demanded a higher rank than ever before. It is doubtless true that the management of the lower grades of schools, and their proper grading under experienced superintendents, have advanced pupils more rapidly, and increased the number fitted for the High School at a given time. This should be rather a source of gratification than regret.

And again, since the adoption of a Two Years' Course in the High School, many who would have ended their studies at the grammar schools, are induced to undertake the shorter term in the

High School, but would be, by their circumstances, debarred from the full Four Years' Course. The High School should be conducted for the best good of the people, as a whole, and not for any privileged class.

#### EVENING SCHOOL.

The two upper rooms of the Claffin schoolhouse have been opened for the evening school, and under the charge of a member of the Board is affording an excellent opportunity for those who cannot attend the day schools, but have manhood and ambition enough to appropriate a few evenings in each week to mental culture and discipline, rather than waste them in idleness or worthless pleasure. Book-keeping has been introduced, and many of the pupils show a marked proficiency in that department.

#### TRUANCY.

The evil of truancy still prevails, but the law provides sufficient remedies if the town will employ them. Under the by-laws adopted by the town in 1864, the Selectmen were directed to employ three truant officers. But the public statutes now provide that the School Committee shall appoint two or more truant officers, and fix their compensation, who shall have power to carry into effect the by-laws of the town in reference to truancy, and serve all legal processes to that end. It is the duty of the town to assign some place where habitual truants may be committed for reformation. The by-laws referred to assign the State Reform School at Westborough. But now the County Commissioners may establish a Truant School at any convenient place, upon application of three or more towns in the County. It is important that the town should take some action in this respect.

The appropriations which the Committee ask for the coming year are as stated below.

The report of the Treasurer of the Committee will show why larger amounts are required in some of the appropriations:	
Salaries of teachers.....	\$16,000 00
Salary of Superintendent.....	1,500 00
Care of school-houses.....	1,100 00
Fuel.....	1,300 00
Repairs.....	1,500 00
Evening school.....	500 00
Incidentals.....	1,000 00
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	\$22,900 00

GEO. G. PARKER,	}	School Committee of Milford.
FRANK J. DUTCHER,		
J. H. WOOD,		
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,		
M. P. CALLANAN,		
GEO. L. COOKE.		



REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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The expenses presented herewith cover the year from February 1, 1882, to February 1, 1883, and include all bills as far as obtainable. The accounts show in what direction the money has been expended; but a little explanation as to why some of the appropriations have been insufficient, may be in order.

For several years past, the school buildings have not been kept up as well as would have been done by a private individual looking to his best pecuniary interest. If buildings are to be painted at all, it is cheaper to keep them painted, than to wait until they are so badly worn that two coats are a necessity. Leaky roofs are also a direct damage to the property within. One school-room has been re-plastered over head the past year, because the old plaster had become loosened by repeated wetting. For at least the next year, there will be a considerable outlay required to bring the exterior of several large buildings into good repair.

The care of school-houses properly includes the daily work of janitors, and the extra house-cleaning which should annually be done to keep rooms occupied by so large a number of persons, in suitable condition. At the rates now paid, and the number of weeks taught, the appropriation of one thousand dollars will not cover the janitors' pay-roll, leaving nothing for summer cleaning.

In regard to fuel, we have used about the same quantity of coal the past year as the year before, but owing to a larger average price per ton, the expense has been greater. It would be unreasonable to expect to furnish the necessary coal at six dollars per ton for the same figure paid when it was but four dollars and thirty-five cents, as in the report of 1879-80.

The incidental account covers all bills of supplies, rent of Superintendent's rooms, printing, stationery, use of wells, repair of stoves, books for teachers and indigent pupils, and whatever does not properly come within the other appropriations. One of the largest items annually is the keeping in satisfactory order the stoves and stove-pipe; the natural wear and tear is considerable, at best, and crowded as the fires are to warm many of the rooms, the life of stove-lining and pipe is materially reduced. The small supplies are now in much better condition than one year ago, and by checking everything of the kind against the school where used, the committee hope to be able another year to give a division of expenditures that will show the relative cost per scholar in the different schools.

In making out the recommendations for appropriations the coming year, the committee have gone through all the items, and feel that the amounts asked for are needed for the efficient running of the schools.

## SUPERINTENDENT.

John W. Allard, one-half year.....	750 00
W. E. Hatch, five-twelfths year.....	625 00
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	\$1375 00

## TEACHING.

H. W. Lull.....	\$1,537 50
F. B. Sherburne.....	872 50
Anna M. Bancroft.....	250 00
May A. Parkhurst.....	512 50
Alice T. Hall.....	262 50
Helen S. Eames.....	526 69
Mary J. Kelly.....	366 87
Jennie M. Russell.....	132 60
Hannah M. Broderick.....	302 60
Mallie F. Gleason.....	302 60
Mary A. Holbrook.....	38 00
Kate E. Martin.....	593 36
Ellen A. Moriarty.....	338 20
Mary F. Devine.....	302 60
Emilie T. Hart.....	302 60
Edward Day.....	593 36
Carra V. Sadler.....	338 20
Eva W. Cook.....	39 10
Ada A. Adair.....	268 60
Mary F. Aylward.....	302 60
Alzie R. Hayward.....	34 00
Alice B. Chapin.....	391 60
Faustina M. Knight.....	302 60
Kate Chapin.....	302 60
Carrie L. Harris.....	132 60
Clara M. Inman.....	175 00
Susan E. Inman.....	302 60
Maggie F. Madden.....	302 60
Eva E. Aldrich.....	206 80
Mary E. Johnson.....	180 00
Mary J. Kelly, 2d.....	332 60
Minnie L. Mann.....	381 60
Susan R. Broderick.....	373 80
Kate A. Wallace.....	132 60
Annie F. Gleason.....	170 00
Delia E. Gleason.....	338 20
A. Augusta Cay.....	302 60



Jennie E. Dale.....	391 60
Amanda C. Scammell.....	302 60
S. E. Sheldon.....	302 60
Ellen A. Devine.....	302 60
Jennie L. Goodrich.....	302 60
Anna L. Bell.....	302 60
Julia M. Barry.....	302 60
Sarah F. Burns.....	302 60
Mary E. Cochran.....	302 60
Kate McNamara.....	302 60
Lilian Smith.....	70 00

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\$15,729 78

### CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Frank A. Morrill.....	\$206 80
John Gaffney.....	160 20
Wm. Kelley.....	160 20
John E. Burke.....	149 52
Jas. D. Draper.....	71 20
Mary Milan.....	53 40
Mrs. Brennan.....	53 40
Amanda C. Scammell .....	17 80
Kate McNamara.....	17 80
Kate A. Wallace.....	7 80
Hannah Broderick.....	7 80
Susan R. Broderick.....	17 80
Minnie L. Mann.....	17 80
Jennie E. Dale.....	17 80
A. Augusta Cay.....	17 80
Delia E. Gleason.....	17 80
Jennie L. Goodrich.....	17 80
Clara M. Inman.....	10 00
Annie F. Gleason.....	10 00
J. Gaffney, extra cleaning, etc.....	22 50
J. Burke, " ".....	18 00
W. J. Kelly, " ".....	9 35
Thos. Tracy, cleaning well.....	4 00
Hopedale Stable, carting ashes, etc.....	5 00
F. A. Morrill, cleaning, mowing, etc.....	31 88
Mrs. Larkin and Mrs. Cooney, cleaning.....	8 00
Mrs. Force, cleaning.....	8 00

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\$1,139 45

## REPAIRS.

Chapman & Winn, carpenter work.....	\$1,051 84
James Bergin, " " .....	45 28
W. F. Reynolds, " " .....	9 26
T. E. Morse, painting and glazing.....	157 42
Eldredge & Beattey, " .....	28 65
E. M. Noyes, " " .....	26 37
F. J. Hoyt, gas piping at High School house.....	82 42
John Taft, mason work.....	73 50
David Ahern, stone work.....	5 00
C. Cheney, one-half fence at Park school.....	27 96
Am. Slate Roof Co., repairing High School roof.....	3 00
H. McElwin, repairing blackboards.....	180 77
J. Miller, turfing and grading.....	50 75
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	\$1,742 22

## FUEL.

Barney & Son, coal.....	\$333 36
L. A. Cook, " .....	492 00
Field Bros., " .....	454 00
Barney & Son, wood.....	47 26
L. A. Cook, " .....	76 21
E. J. Frost, shavings.....	9 80
F. A. Morrill, " .....	1 00
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	\$1,413 63

## EVENING SCHOOL.

Joseph H. Wood, teaching.....	\$306 25
Mary E. Johnson, teaching.....	47 50
Annie F. Keating, " .....	75 00
John E. Burke, care of rooms .....	25 00
M. P. Callanan, lamps, can and kerosene.....	32 97
L. A. Cook, coal.....	18 00
Cook & Sons, advertising.....	3 00
King & Billings, advertising.....	2 00
Joseph H. Wood, ink.....	1 30
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	\$511 02

## INCIDENTALS.

Cook & Sons, printing and advertising.....	\$	75	75
King & Billings, " " " .....		29	75
Boston School Supply Co., paper and supplies.....		60	64
N. E. School Furnishing Co., " " " .....		52	30
O. M. Adams, " " " .....		40	75
G. W. Stacy, " " " .....		10	78
G. F. King & Merrill, " " " .....		9	60
Thompson, Brown & Co., cards.....		1	91
Winkley, Thorpe & Dresser, order books for Supt.....		9	00
Thos. Groom & Co., order and letter books for Sec'y..		18	00
Knight, Adams & Co., Hektograph.....		3	75
Hopedale Post Office, stamped envelopes and postal cards.....		11	65
Desk books and charts.....		67	71
Books for indigent children.....		74	12
H. C. Dimond & Co., rubber stamps and ink.....		5	00
C. F. Wight, tuning High school piano.....		6	00
G. A. Sherburne, freight and cartage.....		8	45
E. J. Frost, repairing chairs.....		2	25
Heliotype Co., diplomas and new plate.....		35	00
Miss M. S. Higgins, ribbon for diplomas.....		3	22
J. H. Batchelder, filling diplomas.....		8	00
Milford Music Hall Co., use of hall at High school graduation.....		25	00
Wm. Willis Clarke, services at High school graduation		11	00
Expressage, telegrams, etc., paid by Supt. and Sec'y...		6	37
Boston Journal, advertising for teacher.....			75
A. S. Tuttle, repairing stoves and supplies.....		25	11
J. W. Harris, " " " " .....		197	12
Bartlett & Ellis, " " " " .....		51	59
D. B. Jenks, sod cutter, etc.....		1	71
O. Lappen, brushes, coal hods, etc.....		39	75
Milford Savings Bank, rent of Supt's room.....		75	00
R. C. Eldredge, repairing clocks.....		9	65
G. H. Whittemore, " " .....		2	00
E. S. Ritchie & Sons, chemical apparatus for High school.....		20	79
O. B. Pond, encyclopædia.....		12	00
A. G. Whitcomb, desks for High school.....		51	00
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight.....		1	41
H. L. Patrick, water pail.....			25
J. Allen Rice, chemicals for High school .....		19	15
J. L. Buxton, fitting keys.....		2	30
Thomas Donahoe, services and expenses as truant officer.....		50	00
D. Ahern, use of well.....		5	00
O. B. Parkhurst, " " " .....		5	00

R. Stone,	"	"	"	.....	3 00
G. O. Hatch,	"	"	"	.....	5 00
J. Madden,	"	"	"	2 years.....	10 00
J. Gleason,	"	"	"	.....	3 00
Mrs. FitzMorris,	"	"	"	3 years.....	6 00
T. Wallace.	"	"	"	.....	5 00

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\$1,177 58

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Teaching.....	\$16,000 00
Evening school.....	500 00
Care of school houses.....	1,000 00
Superintendent .....	1,500 00
Incidentals.....	800 00
Fuel.....	1,000 00
Repairs .....	1,000 00
School fund.....	186 49
Dog tax (one half).....	238 33

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\$22,224 82

### EXPENSES.

Teaching.....	\$15,729 78
Evening School.....	511 02
Care of school houses.....	1,139 45
Superintendent.....	1,375 00
Incidentals .....	1,177 58
Fuel.....	1,413 63
Repairs.....	1,742 22

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\$23,088 68

Exceeded..... \$863 86

F. J. DUTCHER, Secretary.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MILFORD—GENTLEMEN: The first annual report of the present Superintendent of Schools of the interests entrusted to his charge, is respectfully submitted.

## STATISTICS.

Population of Milford, census of 1880.....	9310
Number of children between ages of five and fifteen, May 1, 1882.....	1761
Number of different scholars enrolled.....	2154
Total average membership.....	1544
Average daily attendance.....	1436
Ratio of attendance to average membership, per cent.....	93
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age.....	197
Number of pupils under five years of age.....	27
Number cases of tardiness.....	2610
Number visits made by Superintendent since September 1, 1882.....	327
Number visits made by citizens since September 1, 1882.....	692
Number of school buildings.....	20
Number of school rooms in use.....	37
Number of teachers.....	41

For detailed statement of attendance, and other items of interest for the fall term, attention is called to the tabular summary on page 66 of this report.

## ATTENDANCE.

The total enrollment of pupils in the public schools for the past year, was 2154. Enrollment in the Parochial and other private institutions, 255. Making the total number enrolled in all the schools in town, 2409.

The enrollment in the public schools for 1881, was 2203. This shows a decrease for 1882 of 49. The average daily attendance for 1881 was 1475, a falling off of only 36. The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen reported in 1882, was 109 less than in 1881. This would show a slight gain in attendance, were it not that since the taking of the school census the increase in population has quite, if not fully, repaired the apparent loss.

The average daily attendance compared with the total enrollment, is 67 per cent.; compared with the average membership, 93 per cent. This is a very good showing, yet one that is still capable of improvement.

The number of cases of tardiness for 1882, amounts to 2610. The cases of dismissal would fully equal this. The absence of data of previous years, prevents comparison; but that the ratio is too large is evident, and it is to be hoped that the coming year will show a decided decrease.

Irregular attendance in the schools, is an evil that is productive of

mischievous in many ways. Strenuous efforts have been made to improve it, and recent reports show some advancement in the right direction. But the results can never be satisfactory until parents heartily co-operate with the teachers in their efforts to attain them. Many cases of necessary absence must occur on account of sickness, domestic troubles or equally valid reasons. Although these are to be regretted, the fact is recognized that they are unavoidable, and if confined within such limits there would be no just cause for complaint. Such cases, however, form a small part of the absences. By far the greater number, are from trivial causes. Many parents are forgetful of the fact that every half-day's absence is detrimental to the progress not only of the absentee but also of the whole class.

Some complaints have been made of the regulation requiring stated reasons for absence or tardiness. Some teachers may be indiscreet in the enforcement of the rule, living up to the letter rather than the spirit of the law. Teachers are blamed frequently if pupils are not advanced with their class, and often by those whose children attend school with the least regularity. With a knowledge of all causes of absence, teachers are enabled to distinguish those which are for insufficient reasons, advise the pupil of the injury that absence entails, and confer with parents to bring about a change, if possible, for the better. I feel that the justice of such a rule will be recognized, if parents will give the matter due consideration.

If absences are inexcusable in many instances, frequent cases of tardiness are much less so. Every school should begin on the appointed minute, and every pupil then be in his seat prepared for the opening exercises of the school. Habits of punctuality should be constantly instilled into the minds of scholars. Each day pupils are acquiring habits that will affect their whole after-life. How necessary, then, that these should be of promptitude and a strict observance of duty.

Teachers should always bear in mind that example is stronger than precept, and should put that in practice daily which they would impress upon the minds of those under their charge. A few in the past year have given just cause for criticism, by neglect of that regulation which requires punctual attendance at their respective rooms.

If the best results are to be attained in attendance, school should be made an attractive place for children.

When our children learn to regard the school room as a place of pleasant associations, and feel a joy and pride in their work, we shall have fewer absentees, fewer derelictions of duty.

#### TRUANCY.

The report of your faithful and efficient truant officers, gives 103 cases that came under their notice the past year. This does not show the different individuals, as many cases are of a few habitual truants. Many cases occur, however, that are unknown to the officers.

The number of cases of truancy has materially decreased during the last of the year, through the efforts of the teachers and officers and the removal from town of some of the worst offenders.

Truancy is truly an offence against the parent, whose desires and orders are primarily disobeyed; but it is the duty of all teachers and school officers to use every means, both of influence and law, to check it. It has proven sufficient, in many cases, simply to notify the parents and confer with them. There are some hardened cases, however, that need summary treatment, and whom no mild means reach. Your of-



ficers complains of the inefficiency of the law relating to juvenile offenders. What can be done for those children upon whom the influence of teachers and parents have no effect? And still further, what is to be done with that more deplorable class of neglected children whose parents neither know nor care whether they attend school or not, and who roam our streets day and night, growing up in ignorance and vice?

#### DISCIPLINE.

The primary element of success in any school, is good order. It is the outgrowth of discipline. Many teachers, seemingly possessed of every other requisite for success, have been complete failures through inability to govern their schools properly.

The air of every school room should be that of quiet industry. Unwholesome restraint indicated by the motionless gaze or the sullen countenances of pupils, sometimes seen in a school room, is a certain kind of discipline, but, if anything, more pernicious in its effects than disorder.

That school is best governed whose time is so fully occupied by attention to school duties, that there is no thought of governing or being governed. In many of our schools the discipline is all that is required; in others it is by far too lax. The impression seems to exist in the minds of many of the people, and allowed to remain, or at least tolerated, that the "busy hum of industry" is necessary to insure progress—that thought emanates from the lips rather than from the brain.

A number of cases of corporal punishment were reported in the first two months of the fall term. Several were taken by appeal to the Superintendent and Committee. Corporal punishment has been abolished in our High School. That it may disappear from all the schools, with all other punishments that tend to arouse the worst elements of the child's nature, is to be devoutly wished. It is now so restricted, that the cases are fewer. Milder means of restraint have been substituted, and in schools with judicious teachers the good results are already perceptible. New York city, and several large cities of Massachusetts, abandoned the use of the rod in their schools several years ago. Teachers and Superintendents alike in those cities, bear testimony to the wisdom of such a course.

The efficacy of school government must depend in a great measure on the manner in which teachers exercise their authority. It should be the endeavor of every teacher to convince pupils that she is their friend, that his only aim is their improvement and their good. He should be firm and resolute, but kind and considerate. Prompt and implicit obedience should be insisted upon, and a strict observance of all rules and precepts. It has been aptly said that good order implies impression rather than repression. Let school government be so conducted as to recognize the peculiar natures, wants and dispositions of scholars, and the problem of order is solved.

#### MORALS AND MANNERS.

The subject of the morals and manners of our children, is one that demands the thoughtful and careful consideration of all teachers and parents. Many persons already hesitate about sending their children to the public schools, lest they may acquire habits and vices that no home influence can counteract. Recesses have been abandoned in several large cities for reasons urged, the most cogent of which is the spread of vice and the contamination incident to the play-ground. The ene-

mies of the public school system are attacking it upon this ground; and it is an indisputable fact, and a deplorable one, that it is a very vulnerable point.

My attention has been frequently called to the rudeness and ill-bred manners of many children upon our streets, in places of public amusement, upon the play-ground, and, I am sorry to say, in the very school-room. It is no unusual occurrence in passing a group of boys upon the street, to hear the obscene jest, the vulgar slang, or the vile oath freely bandied back and forth.

A great responsibility, therefore, rests upon those to whom the training of our children is entrusted. But teachers cannot bear the burden alone. It must be shared by parents and those to whom their religious instruction is assigned.

Our schools vary greatly in respect to the bearing and deportment of the pupils in them. The question naturally arises, to what is this due? Location might be pleaded, were it true that in schools lying in the worst neighborhoods, wrongs against morality and decency were most prevalent. I have not always found this to be the case, although neighborhood has its effect.

It is within the power of teachers to a great extent to mould their children at their will; and if they do not accomplish good results, with them must lie the blame.

In the school-room, on the school-ground, the pupils are under the immediate supervision and control of the teacher, and there, at least, disrespect to elders, rude and overbearing treatment of each other, should not be observed. *Obscenity, profanity and vicious habits* in a pupil, is good cause for expulsion and will be so interpreted. By precept and example, teachers should daily strive to implant in the minds of their scholars principles of rectitude, a sense of duty and of moral obligation, teaching them to shun lying, deceit, a desire to steal, cruelty to animals, unkindness to each other, laziness, procrastination, arrogance and self-conceit, and all things that tend to debase or lower.

When we send out from our schools children filled with a love of justice, truthfulness, honesty, benevolence, obedience, fidelity to every trust, and a high sense of patriotism, we have accomplished a result of greater importance than simple intellectual development, and of greater good to them and to society.

#### INSTRUCTION.

The instruction on the part of a greater portion of the teachers, has been earnest and ably conducted. There has been but slight variation in the course of study from that of the preceding year. Changes, however, will be made in the details of the school work when occasion demands. In reviewing what has been done in our schools the past few years, there is just cause for gratification; but much still remains to be accomplished, which will require time, patience and laborious, thoughtful study.

#### READING.

Your Superintendent has heard reading by nearly every class in the schools, and has tested the work in different ways. Most of the teachers have excellent ideas of the best methods of instructing in reading, and handle their classes with skill, productive of good results. This is especially true of the Primary grades. The reading of the Grammar schools, as a rule, does not exhibit that progress that we would expect from the proficiency attained in the lower grades. A loss in natural-



ness of expression and distinctness of utterance is noticeable, nor does there seem evinced that clear comprehension of the thought involved, without which reading is a mere mechanical expression of sound.

Teachers should be ever mindful that good reading means good oral expression, and an intelligent comprehension of each individual idea, and its relation to the other ideas involved—that pupils should be drilled in silent as well as oral reading. Silent reading is that employed almost entirely in after-life, and is therefore of the utmost importance.

I would suggest that, in connection with the reading exercises, the attention of the pupils be directed to suitable books for home reading. Let lists of books be prepared adapted to the acquirements of pupils in the different grades. These lists are to be approved by the Superintendent and Board. Books from the lists should be assigned at stated intervals to the class, who should be encouraged in any way to read them. After the lapse of sufficient time for a thorough perusal on the part of the pupils of the books assigned—teachers to ascertain how many had been able to procure and read them—discuss the works with the class, and by careful, pointed questions learn to what extent the readers had profited. By this plan pupils may be made acquainted with the best literature, be instructed how to read for the greatest profit, their taste for good reading cultivated, and the pernicious effects of this educational trash that is corrupting the minds of our youth of to-day, in a great measure counteracted.

#### LANGUAGE.

In language, one of the most essential branches, good work is being done. Beginning with the construction of the simplest sentences in the Primary rooms, the study is systematically carried on until the fourth grade Grammar room is reached. The pupil then begins the use of Swinton's Language Primer. New Language Lessons are begun in Number Three and finished in Number Four grade. Technical grammar is left to the last year in the Grammar schools, its proper sphere, if it has one below the High school, which I seriously doubt.

The aim of instruction in this branch should be a cultivation in the pupil of the art of expressing themselves in correct, forcible and idiomatic English. All exercises should be a means to this end. That much is being accomplished in the study of language in the schools, is shown by the character of the written exercises and the good taste and correctness displayed by the pupils in oral expression.

#### ARITHMETIC.

A change in Arithmetics has been made the past year. A text-book constructed to meet the demands of modern methods of instruction, essentially practical in its make-up, and unburdened with useless matter, has been adopted. With the new book a greater interest has been given to the instruction in this branch, which cannot fail to be productive of good results. The importance of the study of arithmetic is second to none. The first few years of the pupil's school life are to be given to the study of numbers. By constant drill, repetition after repetition, he is to become thoroughly versed in all the simple combinations, and be able to apply them to practical examples. He is to learn early the use of the slate and pencil in expressing arithmetical operations. As he advances, the power of memory, observation, imagination, invention and reason are to be developed and disciplined. Arriving at fractional and compound numbers, the same methods of instruc-

tion are to be employed as in the integral. The units of weight, time and measure are to be brought into the presence of pupils and put into actual use by them in finding the data for their problems.

Such has been the general plan pursued in teaching this study in the schools. A large amount and great variety of concrete work is given; rote work is fast disappearing. It yet remains for your Board to equip the schools with such necessary apparatus as will complete the plan of instruction and render the efforts of the teachers of the highest good.

#### PENMANSHIP.

The same general criticism can be made as to the instruction in penmanship in the schools as was made in relation to reading. The handwriting of the pupils in the Grammar grades does not meet the expectations that their proficiency in the lower grades would warrant. The slate pencil is placed in the child's hand the first day of school life. Before he leaves the Primary grade, he writes a fair round hand with the lead pencil. Upon entering the Grammar schools, he takes pen and ink, and by the time that he has completed the second year, a clear, legible hand should be acquired. After the ability is once gained, the habit of constantly doing good work must supplement it, or deterioration may be expected. Let the pupils be held daily to a strict account for the neat and legible appearance of all their written exercises, and give this branch due weight in respect to promotion, and better results may be expected.

#### GEOGRAPHY.

Oral instruction is given in this branch, in the Primary grade. The form and size of the earth; the divisions of its surface into land and water; distance, direction, position; the cardinal points of the horizon, and a variety of elementary knowledge, is presented by the teachers in familiar talks with their pupils. A text-book is taken in the Fourth Grade Grammar, and its use continued for four years.

The methods of instruction in geography are the least satisfactory of any in the schools. Rote work is the characteristic. The question and answer method is followed almost entirely in the treatment of every subject. Scholars' minds are burdened each day with a mass of facts to be as soon forgotten. Topics are not treated systematically and with profit. Your Superintendent has found pupil after pupil floundering and stumbling through the text, attempting to give the words of the books without the faintest comprehension of the terms that they were using or the object for which the lessons were assigned. Map-drawing is an unknown quantity. These are plain truths, but truths that cannot be ignored or palliated. Teachers are not wholly to blame for this state of things. Several causes may be ascribed. First: map-drawing has not been introduced, without which the study of geography is almost a farce. Second: the text-books in use are not constructed after a model to best supplement the efforts of the teachers. The Higher Geography is burdened with a mass of non-essential matter, and in plan and construction is not fitted to the work of the preceding book. Thirdly: the schools are utterly destitute of suitable maps and globes with which to illustrate and fasten the topics discussed. This last and important need should be supplied at once, and if necessary by special appropriation.



## HISTORY.

The study of History is now confined to the highest Grammar grade. Profitable work might be done in an elementary way in the second grade. The principal events in the different periods of our country's history, could there be presented to pupils through geographies, biographies and elementary histories, and talks with the class by the teachers.

Geography and history are intimately connected, and, as far as practicable, instruction in them should go hand in hand. The study of history should be by topics. These should be assigned the class, and each pupil in recitation should give all that he knows of the topic assigned him, without being questioned by the teacher. After the pupil has given all that he knows, and in good language, questions should then be put to correct errors and call attention to omissions. Maps should be constructed of the place in which the principal historical events occurred. These maps should be drawn and used in recitations. Review schemes of the principal battles, etc., should be placed upon the blackboard. These reviews should be frequent. A course of reading should be mapped out, and scholars directed to the sources of information relating to the study. It is to be hoped that an increased interest may be awakened in this branch, and a fuller and more comprehensive knowledge be acquired than heretofore.

## EXAMINATIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

The committee acted favorably on the suggestion that all promotions in the schools, above the second-grade Primary, be based upon examinations and the daily recitations of the year.

One oral examination is given by the teacher in mid-term week; one written examination, from printed questions, is given by the Superintendent at the close of each term. These, with the daily recitations of the pupils for the year, determine promotions. An average in all studies of 70 per cent. must be attained, to entitle a pupil to be promoted. Special examinations may be accorded pupils, when occasion demands. A standing must be reached of 75 per cent. in such cases. The papers of the pupils in the written examinations are corrected by the teachers, and placed on file in the Superintendent's office for inspection and approval. This regulation has been in effect one term, and has already produced good results. The responsibility rests with the teachers whether it shall work the object for which it is intended. Impartial, uniform, accurate ranking must be done by each and every teacher, that no injustice be wrought upon the scholars, and no good ground given to parents for complaint.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School is the outgrowth of our public school system, and its success must depend in a great measure on the amount and quality of the work done in the lower grades. The progress of the class entering the High School is retarded, when any amount of preparatory work is necessary which should have been done in the graded schools.

The crowded condition of our High School furnishes us food for reflection. A careful comparison made by your principal at the beginning of the fall term, with the High Schools of a number of neighboring towns and cities, seems to prove that its growth and condition is abnormal.

Eighty-three passed the required examinations of last June, and were admitted. This was a gain of ten on the class of '81, and the class of

'81 was the largest known in the history of the school. This gain cannot be accounted for by increase of school population; for the number of children in the town between the ages of five and fifteen, as reported by the assessors for the year 1882, was 109 less than in the year 1881. That this constant increase is due to the fact that the quality of the work done in the lower schools at the present time, in comparison with that done in the High School, is so superior as to send scholars there several years younger than formerly, and equally well fitted to meet its requirements, is scarcely to be admitted. To grant this, would be to acknowledge that the High School had failed to advance with the other schools. An examination of the course of study and the number of cases reported of pupils in the two lower classes in the High School who have been unable to perform the required duties and maintain the standing in their respective classes, seems to reveal other causes. Heretofore, admissions to the High School have been by a single examination held in June of each year. A single examination is not a fair test of the ability or knowledge of any scholar. A change in the method of admission was proposed to your Board last fall, and accepted by them. The single examination is virtually abolished, and the work done the last year in the Grammar grade is to be the test. An average stand of 70 per cent. for the whole year based upon three things, namely: one oral examination given each term by the teachers, one written each term by the Superintendent and the daily averages, is to be attained to secure promotion. It is to be hoped that the mistakes in admitting scholars to the High School will be fewer and the results more satisfactory.

Notwithstanding the increased accommodations furnished by the enlargement of the school building, if the next class of candidates is as large as the two previous years the seating capacity will be insufficient without throwing one recitation room into the main hall.

Most excellent instruction characterizes the school; efficiency and thoroughness mark each department. The instructors are scholarly and enthusiastic, and to their fidelity to duty is due in great measure the progressive work of the school. One resignation has occurred in the year. Miss Anna M. Bancroft, a lady of culture, a teacher of rare ability and enthusiasm, withdrew, and Miss Alice T. Hall, a graduate of Wellesley college, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The average attendance for the whole year has been 176, and for the fall term 193. Each teacher now has an average of 48 pupils to instruct. Teachers in a high school cannot do themselves or their pupils justice with such large classes. The amount of preparatory work that devolves upon the teachers in this department is necessarily greater than in lower grades, and the extra out-of-school work that our high school teachers are compelled to do is detrimental alike to the highest good of pupils and instructors, and calls for relief. It may be well to state here that the average number of pupils to each teacher in high schools throughout the state is thirty. In accordance with a vote of the Board, which went into effect Jan. 2, 1882, pupils in the High School are required to maintain a general average in all studies of 60 per cent., and in each study at least 50 per cent. Failing in this, they are not to be promoted. The standard is sufficiently low, and any pupil who does not reach it should be unhesitatingly dropped.

The graduating exercises were similar to those of the preceding year. The class were assigned no parts, but continued in their regular studies until the last day of the term. The following programme was carried out:



## 1. PIANO VOLUNTARY.

MISS JENNIE S. TUFTS.

2. CHORUS BY THE SCHOOL. High School March.....*Geo. Veazie, Jr.*

MISS TUFTS, ACCOMPANIST.

## 3. STATISTICS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

REV. J. T. CANAVAN.

4. SONG — “O Loving Heart Trust on,”.....*Gottschalk*

WM. WILLIS CLARK.

## 5. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS,

GEO. W. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## 6. ADDRESS — GOV. JOHN D. LONG.

7. SONG — Proverbs { *a.* When Poverty Knocks, { .....*Roeckel*  
                              { *b.* A Bird in Hand,                                {

WM. WILLIS CLARK.

## 8. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

9. CHORUS BY SCHOOL — “Far Away the Camp Fires Burn”.....*Mercadante*

COURSES: (E.) ENGLISH; (F.) FRENCH; (L.) LATIN; (C.) CLASSICAL.

## FOUR YEARS.

Names.	Courses.	Names.	Courses.
Thomas Francis Conniff,	E. F.	Alice Minnie Aylward,	E. F. L.
Timothy James Dempsey,	E. C. ‡	Sarah Priscilla Chapin,	E. F.
Charles Henry Fisher,	E. F.	Ella Thayer Chilson,	E. L.
Richard Augustine Gilfoyle,	E. F. L. ‡	Mary Frances De Sautell,	E. F. L.
William Elijah Knights,	E. F.	Jennie Louise Devine,	E. L.
Charles Henry Morrill,	C.	Susan Geneva Gallagher,	E. F. L. ‡
Edmund Francis Murphy,	E.	Mary Anna Hamman,	E. F. L. ‡
Jerry Thomas Murphy,	E. F.	Lillian Jennette Haven,	E. F.
Frank Clifford Phillips,	E. F.	Annie Elizabeth Heath,	E. F.
Percival Shea,	E.	Effie Anna Holmes,	E. F.
John Vincent Sweeney,	E. C. ‡	Catherine Ellen O'Callaghan,	E. F. L.
Irving Warren Sweet,	E.	Mary Olivia Sumner,	E. F. L. ‡
Henry Johnson Wood,	C.	Jennie Sophia Tufts,	E. F.
		Nellie Augusta Warfield,	E. L.
		Anna Augusta Woodbury,	E. F.

## TWO YEARS.

Names.	Courses.	Names.	Courses.
Michael James Ahern,	C. ‡	Harry Willard Haven,	E. L. ‡
William Henry Aylward,	C. ‡	Harry Granville Krum,	E.
Ernest Lincoln Cook,	E.	Arthur Whitmore Vant,	C.
		Abbie Loumira Flagg, E.	

‡ Partial Course.

Partial means a change of course, and hence incomplete.

The subject of High School graduations has received much attention, and been the theme of discussion for several years past. A few towns and cities have taken the “new departure.” Your Superintendent has failed to become a convert to the theory.

Some needed improvements have been made in the laboratory, and the facilities for better work increased. Sufficient physical and chemical apparatus is still wanting, and if possible should be supplied. The library of suitable reference-books is small, and does not meet the requirements. An opportunity is here presented for some public-spirited

citizen of ample means to confer a lasting benefit upon the school by equipping it with a library adapted to its needs.

The attacks upon the high school system, so prevalent a few years since, have spent their force. It is too firmly engrafted into the tree of national life to fear the opposition of fanatics and demagogues. Each year adds to its strength, and its future is inseparable from the healthy growth and prosperity of the country.

#### EVENING SCHOOL.

The evening school began October 23, and holds its sessions four nights each week, as heretofore. Joseph H. Wood, Esq., who taught the school last year with such marked success, was elected principal, and Miss Annie F. Keating, assistant. Owing to the complaints of pupils and teachers of the unfitness and inconveniences of the old quarters in the town hall, the Board decided to transfer the school to two unoccupied rooms in the Claflin building. Here, with no extra expense, the school is quartered in two well-heated, well-ventilated apartments, undisturbed by the obnoxious noises that frequently interrupted the exercises of the school in previous years.

As a guarantee of regular attendance, and to free the school from idlers, a deposit of one dollar was required of each pupil on entering, to be refunded at the close of the term, provided the pupil is in regular standing at that time. This plan, which has worked well in other places, has proven equally efficacious here in keeping away such as come out of curiosity alone and not for work.

Irregular attendance is the bane of evening schools. It is hard for young persons who have worked hard all day, to shut themselves in a school-room all the evening; and it is not to be wondered at that outside attractions prove often too alluring to be resisted.

The ratio of attendance to the total membership, as shown in the subjoined table, is very satisfactory. Absentees have been subjected to the closest scrutiny, and good reasons required for non-attendance. The discipline has been excellent. I was much pleased, in my visits to the school, with the gentlemanly bearing of the older pupils, and particularly those who attended the school last winter. The interest manifested, and the earnest application to their duties, showed clearly that the pupils attending this school were there for a purpose.

The common English branches, including book-keeping, are taught. The instruction is thorough and practical, and it is to be regretted that none of our young ladies avail themselves of its advantages. The evening school is an important factor in our scheme of modern education. That which was begun here five years since as an experiment, has proven a success. It is worthy the generous support of our citizens, and I am confident that it will receive it in the future as in the past.

Total membership, 39; average attendance, 33.3; per cent. attendance, 86; average age, 15.4 years; number scholars over fifteen, 15.

#### TEACHERS.

Our corps of teachers has been materially weakened the past year by the loss of several of its most efficient and experienced members. One was forced to resign on account of ill-health, one was called to a more lucrative field, and three others withdrew for various causes. By the withdrawal of these teachers, long and intimately identified with the



best interests of the schools, the town has suffered a material loss, and the effect upon the schools has been apparent.

Teaching is rapidly approaching the dignity of a profession, and the demands now made to meet the requirements of an enlightened public sentiment, call for such length of time for preparation, such training and thorough knowledge, that persons who enter it for a make-shift are found less frequently to-day in the ranks of the teachers of our graded schools.

The idea that any one who is fit for nothing else, is capable of teaching school, has prevailed to a certain extent in the past, and is still prevalent among a certain class. The elements necessary to make a successful teacher are many. He should possess good health and character, sound judgment, a kind heart, tact and enthusiasm for the work. These must be supplemented by thorough and accurate scholarship, good training, a love of children and common-sense. A noble Quaker once said: "There are three things necessary to a person's success in this life—good health, religion and common-sense, and the most important of these is common-sense." It is a sentiment worthy every teacher's thought.

Many of the teachers of Milford are thoroughly fitted for the position that they occupy. As graduates of College or Normal School, they have come to their work thoroughly equipped, and by constant study and observation have kept pace with the progressive ideas of the day, and rank well with teachers in more favored localities. Would that this could be said of all. No amount of money, no supervision will or can accomplish much without good teachers. With them must rest, to a great extent, the responsibility of the success or failure of our schools. Those who fail to accomplish that which is demanded of them, after a fair and impartial trial, should not be retained from year to year to work injuries that are not in the power of man to repair. To dismiss such teachers is the hardest duty that devolves upon Superintendent or Committee. Nor do I think that teachers should be removed for slight reasons. As long as they perform their duties faithfully and successfully, their tenure of office should be secure. But when the necessity arises, when there is no reasonable doubt that the welfare of the schools demands a change, there should be no hesitation or delay in the matter, but the removal should be made at once.

Many of our most efficient and experienced teachers are found in the Primary grades. They have taught for years, and with marked success. They complain, and I think with justice, of the small salaries. As long as they remain in the Primary grades, there is no present hope of increase, while in the Grammar grades there is that hope. If they are promoted, the foundation is weakened, and the stability of the structure destroyed. And more, educators are united in the opinion that it requires rare ability to instruct successfully a Primary school; and in recognition of this fact in towns most noted for progress in educational matters, the salaries of Primary teachers are equal to or higher than in Grammar grades below the first. Salaries should be scaled for each grade, based upon the experience and success of the teacher. The salaries in all your graded schools, are small. The highest salaries will command the greatest talent. With a slight increase in salaries, a thorough examination of all candidates for positions in the schools, an impartial and discriminating judgment in making appointments, we may reasonably expect in a short time to find in the schools only such teachers as are thoroughly competent to fill the high and noble duties of their calling.



## SCHOOL SESSIONS.

In the grades below the High School, the regular hours of session are from 9 to 12 A. M. from April to November, 1:30 to 4:30 P. M., and from November to April from 1:15 to 4:15.

In the "good old times" when the village schoolmaster reigned supreme with his birchen rod, "school kept" six hours each day, and every other Saturday was thought sufficient holiday. This may have been well when the school year was of three to five months duration, and the old methods of instruction were in vogue. But with the longer school year, and the changes that have taken place as to the means of imparting knowledge, the "old idea" has been abandoned long since by progressive educators, and medical authorities are agreed that so long hours in the school room is neither conducive to the health or best progress of children. It would be difficult to find a city or a town in New England with the *best* schools, where children are confined to the school room more than five hours each day. Health should be the paramount consideration in the arrangement of our school houses. Give children more hours of out-door recreation, and such hours as are most beneficial for them to be in the open air.

In the winter months, especially, school should not be in session after four o'clock. After that hour, the light is insufficient to enable pupils to study without a strain upon their eyes. To close at that hour, would allow only one hour at noon. This would engender bringing of dinner by many pupils and teachers, which is inadvisable for many reasons. Many cases of tardiness and dismissals occur from children who are required by parents to carry dinner to them at their work. A longer nooning would stop this—a serious and growing evil in our schools. Moreover, the last hour in school is the hardest both for teachers and pupils. The latter become uneasy and restless, and the former are apt to have less patience when it is most necessary. In consideration of these and other valid reasons that might be urged, your Superintendent would advise that the sessions of the Primary grades be shortened one hour each day, and the Grammar grades half an hour, convinced as he is that with shortened sessions the same amount and better work will be done, that the tone of the schools will be improved, and public interests be best subserved.

## GRADATION, SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION, ETC.

The scheme of study provides for four years in the Primary grades, and four in the Grammar. There are two to four classes in each lowest Primary, and one in all the other rooms. Pupils in the lowest Primary are advanced at such times as the progress and capabilities of the scholars warrant. In all other grades, promotions are made once each year, in June. The scheme of study has been adapted to the schools with care. Such changes will be made from time to time, however, as experience suggests. But a perfect scheme alone will not insure success. The ability and faithfulness of the teachers must be superadded. Teachers not only are expected to instruct thoroughly in all the parts assigned to their grades, but by frequent reviews and tests they should see that what has been learned by pupils in the lower grades, is not lost. Whether pupils should remain in the classes to which they are promoted or returned to the classes from which they came, must be left to the Superintendent. It is not just that any teacher should be compelled to give a large portion of his time in teaching the principles that have been neglected in any grade below.

The school classification has undergone a slight change during the

past year. It now comprises one High, six Grammar, with fifteen different rooms, fifteen Primaries and six District schools. These are taught by 41 teachers. Owing to the withdrawal of so many pupils to attend the Parochial school, two rooms have been dispensed with within a year—one in the Claflin building and one in the Plains Grammar. Under the present arrangement in the Claflin school, No. 4 Grammar and the highest Primary are taught in one room, and grades three and four at the Plains are under one teacher. The increased attendance at the Hopedale school, rendered it necessary to place an assistant in that building. That this school should have equal advantages with the other schools, it will be necessary to continue the arrangement. It may be found expedient to close another school the coming year, if the withdrawal of children from the public schools continues. Should such occasion occur, your board will be so advised.

Extensive repairs were made upon some buildings the past year. Innumerable minor repairs are always necessary. The legitimate wear and tear upon twenty buildings, with their different rooms, is no trifling matter. Many of the buildings are getting old, and the coming year demands a large outlay to put them in proper shape. It is false economy to allow buildings to lapse into ruin before attending to needed repairs. The health and comfort of teachers and pupils, is a matter of primary importance. School buildings should be well ventilated, well heated and lighted, comfortable, neat and tasty, and the grounds and all the appurtenances clean, well-kept and attractive, that the taste of the children may be cultivated as well as their health preserved. To bring about these results, would require large sums of money and a judicious expenditure; but the outlay would be repaid with ten-fold interest.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

In treating of different subjects in this report, the good work that is being done in the greater number of the schools has been remarked upon. The instruction in them is sound, and of good methods, and the effects upon the bearing, characters and intellectual development of the pupils marked. The reason that it is not so of all, has also been touched upon. It is needless to again assert that no school of study, no methods, no supervision can avail unless the issue is made squarely and the agents who fail to perform with fidelity and ability all that their positions demand, be superceded by such as can.

Let me again call attention to the necessity of equipping each school with illustrative apparatus. Maps, globes, books of reference in the Grammar grades, and a well-chosen supply of supplementary reading matter for all grades, are the things most needed.

Music and drawing yet remain to be introduced into our scheme of study. The merits of these as a part of the curriculum in the schools calls for no praise from me. That they possess a legitimate sphere in the public school system, has long ceased to be a matter of theory and speculation. Long and well tested experience has demonstrated that they can be taught successfully without the employment of special instructors. I would respectfully advise that drawing, at least, be introduced into our schools at once. It can be done with little or no expense to the town, and without entailing much expense upon individuals.

Music is more an ornamental branch, and can longer be deferred. But if it possesses influences to soften and subdue even the savage nature, what powers of imagination and beauty, what good and noble qualities can be engendered in the minds of our youth by its daily use.



That we may follow the lead of our neighboring cities in this matter, is to be desired.

Visits by parents are made frequently to many of the schools. Some schools, however, rarely see a visitor except the Superintendent. It is earnestly hoped that all friends of the schools may be often seen in them. All good teachers will take pleasure in such visits, and parents becoming thus more intimately acquainted with the schools will be better enabled to comprehend their needs, and enter more into sympathy with those who are faithfully striving to implant into the minds of their children the seeds of a golden harvest in the future.

#### CONCLUSION.

The prosperity of our schools depends on the united influences of all who lend to their support. What the schools shall be, will depend upon what the public demand and what it is willing to do to bring them to a high standard of excellence. The schools are a good index of the value placed upon education by the people, and a fair representation of their intelligence and enterprise. Mindful of this, may our schools be placed upon the highest plane, and receive that cordial and generous support that they so richly deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. HATCH,

Superintendent of Schools.

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

Once has death entered our midst, and removed one of our most faithful and successful teachers. Miss Kate A. Wallace died of consumption in the early fall. Her whole term of service was in the Bear Hill school. She remained at her post of duty until the close of the Summer term, failing rapidly from that time. Miss Wallace possessed many attributes that made her beloved by all to whom she was known.

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## CALENDAR, 1883.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term of 12 weeks begins January 2; ends March 23.  
 Summer " " " " April 2; ends June 22.  
 Fall " 16 " " September 3; ends December 21.

## VACATIONS.

One week, ending March 30, 1883.  
 Ten weeks, " August 31, 1883.  
 One week, " December 28, 1883.

## OTHER GRADES.

Winter term of 10 weeks begins January 8; ends March 16.  
 Summer " " " " April 2; ends June 8.  
 Fall " 16 " " September 3; ends December 21.

## VACATIONS.

Two weeks ending March 30, 1883.  
 Twelve " " August 31, 1883.  
 Two " " January 4, 1883.

## HOLIDAYS, ALL GRADES.

Every Saturday, Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week, and such other days as are legal holidays.

## OFFICE HOURS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

From 8 to 9 A. M. each school day, and 7 to 8 P. M. Tuesdays and Thursdays.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

# TOWN OF MILFORD,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor,  
School Committee, Engineers, Board of Health,  
Town Clerk, Trustees of the Town Library and  
Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1886.

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MILFORD, MASS.:

MILFORD JOURNAL STEAM JOB PRINT.

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## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885.

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Highways, (including special appropriations).....	\$8,800 00
Incidentals.....	6,000 00
Street Lights and Gas, (including spec. appropriations)	2,900 00
Library.....	1,000 00
Teaching School and salary of Superintendent.....	17,500 00
Care of School Houses .....	1,300 00
Fuel for School Houses .....	1,100 00
Evening School.....	500 00
School Incidentals.....	1,000 00
Repairs on Buildings, including specials.....	2,000 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	700 00
Poor Department.....	10,000 00
Military Aid.....	750 00
Fire Department, pay of Members.....	4,650 00
Fire Department, Incidentals.....	1,000 00
Fire Department, Repairs.....	300 00
Fire Department, New Hose.....	300 00
Interest .....	7,000 00
Town Park.....	125 00
Decoration Day.....	100 00
Concrete Sidewalks.....	1,000 00
Town Debt and Memorial Hall.....	5,000 00
Water for Fires.....	3,250 00
Sewer Committee.....	300 00
Vernon Grove Cemetery.....	200 00
Town House Repairs.....	1,200 00
Repairs at Poor Farm .....	500 00
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	\$78,475 00

## TO THE TAX PAYERS OF MILFORD.

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We have endeavored to keep within your appropriations, and have done so to a large extent.

We have placed the basement and upper rooms of the Town House in good condition, but the middle portion is in bad repair. Our highways are generally in fair condition, but some streets will need special care the coming year.

We thought best to defend the suit brought by Timothy Shea, and secured as counsel, H. E. Fales and T. G. Kent.

We have secured, and have in readiness, a large quantity of stone chips from the granite quarries.

Our taxes have been promptly collected.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR OF SIDEWALK TAXES, 1884.

DR.

Balance uncollected, Feb. 12, 1885.....	\$89 80
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CR.

Paid E. C. Claffin, Treasurer.....	\$89 80
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JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR OF SIDEWALK TAXES, 1885.

DR.

Taxes committed .....	\$499 03
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CR.

Paid E. C. Claffin, Treasurer.....	\$269 98
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Balance uncollected, Feb. 12, 1886.....	229 05
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\$499 03

JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR FOR 1884.

DR.

Balanced uncollected, Feb. 12, 1885.....	\$2,999 63
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Assessed since.....	3 70
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\$3,003 33

CR

Paid E. C. Claffin, Treasurer.....	\$2,285 30
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Abatements .....	718 03
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\$3,003 33

JOSEPH H. WOOD, COLLECTOR FOR 1885.

DR.

Taxes committed .....	\$88,481 42
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Assessed since.....	452 97
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\$88,934 39

CR.

Paid E. C. Claffin, Treasurer.....	\$79,910 82
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Paid County Tax.....	4,333 00
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Abatements.....	1,147 21
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Discount .....	1,863 30
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Balance uncollected, Feb. 12, 1886.....	1,680 06
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\$88,934 39

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1886.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 18, 1885.....	\$5422 23
Borrowed of Milford Savings Bank.....	40,000 00

RECEIVED OF

J. H. Wood, collector, tax for 1885.....	79,910 82
J. H. Wood, collector, tax for 1884.....	2285 30
C. A. Dewey, rent of court room.....	300 00
J. H. Scott, Treasurer, old engine sold.....	622 10
Charles and Edgar Snow, horse sold.....	125 00
Town of Plympton, aid to C. A. Wright.....	84 00
J. H. Wood, collector, sidewalk tax of 1884.....	89 80
J. H. Wood, collector, sidewalk tax of 1885.....	269 98
B. H. Montague, rent of lockup.....	197 50
B. H. Montague, rent of hall.....	109 40
Milford Water Co., work done .....	83 00
Edward A. Brown, county treasurer, dog tax.....	598 87
Dan'l A. Gleason, state treasurer, corporation tax....	6305 66
"        "                "                bank tax.....	952 93
"        "                "                state aid.....	3935 50
"        "                "                Military aid.....	800 50
"        "                "                school fund.....	97 42
"        "                "                armory rent.....	300 00
Kent & Dewey, witness fees, Greene Bros. case.....	26 00
Mr. Gardner, lamp post.....	2 00
James Edwards, broken street lamp.....	6 25
Gilbert Thompson, donation to Memorial hall.....	5 00

RECEIVED FOR WORK BY TOWN TEAMS:

W. H. Ring.....	\$4 50
H. W. Lent.....	8 00
Miss Pettit.....	5 00
G. Chapin.....	2 25
H. Cook .....	4 60
John Madden.....	1 50
John Gillon.....	50
James Bartlett.....	40 00
Thomas Quirk.....	50
D. O'Connor.....	2 00
Charles Tufts.....	2 25
J. H. Hildreth.....	19 00
Mr. Lilley.....	5 00



E. F. Murphy.....	\$21 35
S. Hapgood.....	16 50
Charles Colburn.....	75
George Bailey .....	75
E. E. Cook.....	1 50
Wm. Morrison.....	1 50
Martin McNamara.....	1 00
John Smith.....	5 53
Mrs. Rafferty.....	10 00
G. N. Hayward.....	5 35
Otis Nelson .....	4 50
A. A. Taft.....	83 49
W. H. Baker.....	8 00
Milford National Bank.....	3 00
P. McGarry.....	6 50
A. C. Withington.....	50
J. W. Harris .....	50
Warren Nye.....	10 45
J. Shaw.....	23 00
O. B. Parkhurst.....	3 50
Mrs. Barton Cook.....	1 20
George Whitney.....	75
P. Moriarty.....	3 00
L. L. Wheelock.....	12 00
Electric Light Co.....	80 85
R. B. Greene.....	10 50
B. Hayward.....	40 70
M. P. Callanan.....	17 25
Felton estate.....	3 75
Pat'k Neelon.....	2 00
Dennis O'Connell.....	8 60
I. N. Davis.....	2 25
Wm. Clark.....	5 50
T. J. Sheldon.....	2 00
D. Minturn.....	15 00
Board of Health.....	47 50
Lumber sold.....	7 00
Chopping blocks.....	9 75

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\$572 37

## RECEIVED OF

J. H. Wood, auctioneer's license.....	\$2 00
Leonard Hunt,           "           ".....	2 00
E. A. Fisk,               "           ".....	2 00
Thomas Davoren,       "           ".....	2 00
G. C. Thayer,           "           ".....	2 00
J. P. Gallagher,       "           ".....	2 00
Martin L. Nason, peddler's license.....	15 00

J. O'Keefe, pool license.....	\$2 00
David Quinn, ".....	2 00
J. McGinniss, ".....	2 00
Bryan Manion, ".....	2 00
John Cronan, ".....	2 00
Alfred Goucher, ".....	2 00
C. F. Cooper, ".....	2 00
C. H. Gillon, ".....	2 00
Lyman Cheney, ".....	2 00
Thomas Kelley, ".....	2 00
O. F. Knowlton, ".....	2 00
Milford House, ".....	2 00
Geo. G. Merry, rink license.....	10 00
Mr. Harriden, ".....	3 00
H. D. Wilson, ".....	3 00
Van Amburg & Co., circus license.....	50 00
Van Amburg & Co., rent of ground.....	20 00
W. E. Cheney, bill board license six months.....	5 00
W. A. Pond, pool and bowling license.....	4 00
Milford Music Hall license.....	54 00
A. J. Madden, dime show license.....	2 00

Received for liquor licenses, viz :

Patrick Gillon.....\$175 00	John J. Crahan.....\$125 00
Patrick Gillon..... 125 00	Thos. Mullen..... 125 00
Wm. A. Pond..... 125 00	Chas. H. Gillon.... 175 00
J. O'Keefe..... 100 00	John Rogers..... 100 00
John Cronan..... 125 00	Edward J. Gallagher 50 00
Bryan Manion..... 125 00	L. R. Hazard..... 175 00
Thos. Kelley..... 125 00	L. R. Hazard..... 125 00
H. A. Greeley..... 75 00	James Igoe..... 175 00
Alfred Goucher..... 175 00	J. F. Stratton & Bro. 175 00
C. F. Cooper ..... 125 00	J. F. Stratton & Bro. 125 00
David Nugent..... 100 00	John Stratton..... 175 00
J. & F. H. Wood .. 125 00	Wm. Fitzpatrick... 100 00
Wm. Sheehan..... 125 00	Jas. Fitzpatrick.... 50 00
A. H. Sweet..... 75 00	Edward Gallagher.. 50 00
Wm. H. Murray... 125 00	H. E. Morgan..... 75 00
L. A. Lamson..... 75 00	O. F. Knowlton.... 125 00
J. A. Rice..... 75 00	Geo. W. Brigham... 125 00
David Quinn..... 125 00	Mary Butler..... 75 00
John Shortall..... 100 00	W. P. Beals..... 175 00
Hannah Sheehan... 50 00	Lyman Cheney..... 125 00
John F. Maguiniss.. 125 00	A. F. Burke..... 100 00
Thos. Quirk..... 125 00	John Dillon..... 50 00
Elizabeth Tobin.... 50 00	Patrick Hilferty.... 100 00
Thos. Donahue..... 100 00	Alphonso Sumner... 75 00
James Conley..... 125 00	Richard Holland.... 100 00

James Bradley.....	\$125 00	Thomas McGee.....	\$100 00
Bernard McNally...	125 00	Kate Fitzgerald....	100 00
Kate McCormick...	50 00	Joseph Reagan.....	50 00
Mary Drury.....	50 00	James Cahill.....	50 00
Mary Kelley.....	100 00	Thomas Cauley.....	100 00
Eliz. Ward.....	55 00	McCormick & Mc-	
Hannah Tinan.....	50 00	Guinness.....	150 00
Geo. Tulley.....	50 00	Peter Sullivan.....	100 00
Maurice Nelligan...	100 00	Thos. Cauley, (1884)	100 00
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\$150,378 63

Paid on Selectmen's orders..... 148,447 81

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Balance in hand of Treasurer, Feb'y 16, '86... \$1,930 82  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

ETHAN C. CLAFLIN, Treasurer.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

C. T. Crosby, bill.....	\$112 25
Patrick Cunniff, breaking road.....	3 90
Chas. A. Hoyt, plumber.....	1 53
T. C. Eastman, grain.....	730 67
French & Co., bill.....	16 55
Prentice & Son, straw and hay .....	322 14
Field Bros., lumber and coal.....	92 72
E. Mann, gravel (1884).....	28 05
H. S. Cushman, harness maker.....	47 88
Farrel Foundry and Machine Co., bill (stone crusher) ..	131 30
Ira Ide, blacksmith .....	63 17
S. L. Madden, timber (1884) .....	10 00
C. A. Ambler & Co., bill .....	104 21
John Blacksmith, blacksmith bill.....	38 09
H. W. Clapp, sewer grate and caps for drains.....	52 20
James Bergin, ladder.....	1 86
Henry Willard, machinist bill.....	31 28
Timothy Shay, broken stone,.....	7 50
Craige & Severance, repair work.....	60
Geo. A. Sherborne, teaming.....	40 50
Weed Bros. & Lent, lumber and labor.....	25 03
John Holmes, rent of barn.....	49 02
Thos. F. Davoren, rent of barn.....	34 37
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware bill.....	199 88
Ide & Boyce, blacksmith bill .....	56 62
John Holmes, hay .....	55 00
L. A. Cook, posts and cement.....	5 14
Wood & Thurston, timber and plank.....	187 62
D. B. Bockwood, wheelwright .....	29 15
G. M. Billings, printing orders.....	5 50
B. & A. R. R., freight bills.....	26 44
A. Bailey, pasturing horse .....	16 05
Milford Water Co., water bill .....	3 00
B. F. Aldrich, straw and hay.....	30 60
H. C. Scott, supplies .....	6 00
Wm. L. Billings, sundry bills.....	47 83
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	\$2613 65
Wm. L. Billings, salary .....	833 74
C. O. Woodbury, salary.....	641 63

## Paid for Labor, viz:

Fred Madden.....	\$242 00	
Fred Walker.....	468 00	
Chas. Witherell.....	459 00	
Barney Kiernan.....	420 37	
Henry McAvoy.....	333 99	
John Quinn.....	230 49	
John McDermott.....	59 75	
B. J. Gibbons.....	92 60	
Patrick Casey.....	325 87	
John Casey.....	245 50	
P. Sweeney.....	230 15	
James McAvoy.....	329 75	
Patrick Glennan.....	333 76	
Patrick Donlan.....	360 23	
Patrick Milan.....	165 65	
Patrick Lyons.....	220 87	
Terrance Sheedy.....	320 50	
Philip Gilday.....	225 25	
D. Hayes.....	166 75	
John McGuire.....	78 80	
John Drooney.....	248 87	
C. McCann.....	89 05	
C. L. Clark.....	24 75	
T. Quirk.....	9 20	
V. Willard.....	3 00	
Frank Usher.....	11 25	
H. Russell.....	9 50	
William Shea.....	21 00	
C. Waterman.....	5 25	
E. Whitney.....	1 50	
F. Inman.....	22 50	
B. H. Spaulding.....	42 75	
Patrick Campbell.....	1 50	
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William Rafferty, for material.....	17 90	
Mrs. Flanigan, ".....	21 55	
Lewis Phipps, ".....	4 00	
H. Cook, ".....	3 00	
S. Walker, ".....	6 40	
Henry Walpole, ".....	3 90	
A. J. Sumner, ".....	19 40	
	<hr/>	76 15
Total.....		\$9964 37
Credit by work done.....		720 87
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Net expense.....		\$9243 50

## TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Times Publishing Co., printing.....	\$49 00
M. J. Buckley and N. F. Blake, counting ballots.....	6 00
William Dillon, services burying two cats.....	50
Charles Mackin, Board of Health (1884).....	18 50
C. H. & E. Snow, exchange of horses.....	270 00
Milford Water Co., water.....	9 00
H. C. Scott, armory rent.....	206 25
James Teeling, cleaning well.....	3 50
L. A. Cook, coal for armory.....	7 00
John Usher, use of water .....	5 00
Hapgood & Mayhew, team for assessors.....	10 00
C. Noyes, painting bill.....	2 05
Wm. T. Harlow, court costs (Henry Lyons).....	4 42
M. R. Warren & Co., license blanks.....	13 81
Cook & Sons, printing.....	166 00
Fred Swasey, plans, etc., on repairs town house (1884)	250 00
G. W. Stacy, stationery.....	10 00
T. F. Hayes, care of Jos. Regan (insane).....	3 00
A. C. Lombard, " " " .....	3 00
Thomas Tracy, removing nuisances.....	2 00
Wood & Nye, removing bodies.....	2 00
Milford & Franklin R. R. Co., freight.....	4 13
T. E. Morse, painting roof Town House .....	100 00
S. C. Sumner, services, check list.....	10 00
A. J. Sumner, abatement taxes.....	13 05
A. A. Burrill, counting votes.....	3 00
J. A. Rice, vaccine points.....	87 92
Samuel H. Taft, surveyor.....	25 00
C. T. Crosby, bill.....	11 20
G. M. Billings, printer (including Town Report '85) ..	183 25
Alton A. Cook, surveyor.....	6 50
Chas. A. Chapdelaine, lease of gravel lot.....	75 00
Eldridge & Beatty, painting lamp posts.....	28 44
W. L. Nickerson, brass work.....	7 60
Capt. H. S. Whitney, balance armory rent.....	125 00

## SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS.

P. H. Curran, services as Registrar.....	\$25 00
L. Hayden, " " .....	100 00
H. C. Scott, " " .....	100 00
J. A. Taft, " " .....	100 00
W. Coakley, " " .....	75 00
M. Broderick, " police.....	11 00
A. J. Sumner, " auditor ('85).....	15 00



A. J. Sumner, services as assessor and expenses.....	\$308 10
O. M. Adams, " assessor.....	145 00
P. McGarry, " assessor.....	203 75
O. D. Holmes, night watchman and police services....	128 50
T. G. Kent, services Greene Bros.' suit.....	150 00
T. G. Kent, labor trouble ('84).....	5 00
Geo. F. Birch, services overseer.....	100 00
John Madden, services overseer.....	100 00
Chester L. Clark, services overseer.....	325 00
Thomas F. Davoren, police services and team.....	11 00
M. W. Edwards, police services July 4, 1885.....	7 00
James Powers, " " ".....	7 00
F. H. French, " " ".....	7 00
T. F. Hayes, " " ".....	7 00
James Howard, " " ".....	6 00
Charles Waters, " " ".....	6 00
J. L. Keefe " " ".....	7 00
James Powers and team, services for Selectmen.....	11 50
J. H. Wood, tax collector, (including balance of '84).	906 16
P. H. Curran, services as Selectman.....	275 00
H. A. Clark, " ".....	200 00
J. B. Bancroft, " " and expense.....	277 50
H. C. Snell, special officer.....	150 00
Dr. J. M. Eaton, services Board of Health.....	40 00
Dr. J. M. Eaton, (vaccination).....	125 00
Dr. Charles Mackin, ".....	73 80
Dr. Charles Mackin, Board of Health.....	43 63
L. E. Fales, services ".....	49 60
Elias Whitney, sealer.....	25 00
Wood & Nye, return of deaths.....	22 75
Dr. E. C. Atkins, return of births.....	3 75
Dr. M. W. Knight, ".....	6 00
Dr. Jas. Mulligan, ".....	3 00
Dr. Chas. Mackin, ".....	13 25
Dr. W. J. Clarke, ".....	5 50
H. E. Fales, professional services for Board of Health	38 00
" " " " Overs'rs of Poor	32 56
" retainer for 1885, including consultations, opinions and advice to various boards of town officers.....	100 00
E. C. Claflin, treasurer, \$250.00, expense, \$21.50.....	271 50
L. Hayden, services as Town and Selectmen's clerk ...	125 00
" returns of births, deaths and marriages....	126 85
" postage and express charges.....	10 39

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\$6,606 21

## GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

Milford Gas Light Company, gas .....	\$1821 93
Globe Gas Light company, street lights .....	903 43
T. E. Morse, painting lanterns .....	8 49
Chamberlain Light Company, lanterns and repairing...	60 00
Hopedale Machine Company, frames .....	22 65
Milford Gas Light Company .....	152 27
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	\$2,968.77

## MILFORD TOWN LIBRARY.

J. E. Walker, treasurer, on account of appropriation..	\$1299 43
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## MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Milford Savings Bank .....	\$45,000 00
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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

F. J. Dutcher, secretary .....	\$2949 04
L. E. Fales, secretary .....	21861 65
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	\$24,810.69

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Chester L. Clark, chairman .....	\$11,599 80
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## INTEREST.

Milford Savings Bank .....	\$3881 11
Hide and Leather Bank .....	3000 00
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	\$6881 11

## TOWN PARK.

Sumner Pond, labor (1884) .....	\$1 25
S. A. Vant, " " .....	20 47
Christian Kolp, labor .....	18 00
John Miller, " .....	13 00
Charles F. Libby, labor .....	2 25
Eugene Sullivan, " .....	1 75
Bernard Riley, " .....	5 00
Richard Carey, " .....	20 25
Hugh Smith, " .....	19 50
W. H. Britton, seats, etc. ....	17 50
Western Electric, 1 pair clinchers .....	3 00
Christopher Hussey, labor .....	1 50
J. McEnany, labor .....	9 50
T. E. Morse, painting .....	26 38
George A. Sherborne, teaming .....	75
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	\$160 10

## WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

Milford Water Company, rent.....	\$3232 09
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## VERNON GROVE CEMETERY.

H. C. Skinner, on account of appropriation .....	\$200 00
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## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

C. A. Ambler & Co., bill.....	\$17 18
T. E. Morse, painting.....	8 17
A. S. Pickering, mason work.....	83 17
L. L. Wheelock, cementing basement.....	143 91
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware bill.....	21 39
Field Bros., lumber bill.....	348 60
Weed Bros. & Lent, lumber and labor.....	316 53
J. W. Harris, matting.....	23 89
Brazer & Pradee, decorators .....	344 80
Eldredge & Beatty, painting .....	150 91
A. B. Montague, labor.....	11 75
B. H. Gibbons, labor.....	9 68
Bartlett & Ellis, bill.....	25 65
Weed Bros. & Lent, labor .....	4 26
Wm. L. Billings, labor.....	69 00
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	\$1578 89

## TOWN HALL AND LOCKUP.

Milford Water Co., water.....	\$1 50
L. A. Cook, coal .....	111 76
Field Bros., coal.....	9 75
C. Noyes, painting.....	4 90
J. L. Smith, supplies.....	2 55
C. T. Crosby & Co., bill.....	1 50
M. P. Callanan, supplies, lockup, \$49.83, town house, \$4.39 .....	54 23
B. H. Montague, cleaning .....	4 20
J. A. Rice, medicines for lockup.....	9 25
B. H. Montague, lockup bill .....	4 40
B. H. Montague, town hall bill.....	10 80
Bartlett & Ellis, bill.....	8 15
B. H. Montague, salary, lockup keeper, \$100; janitor town house, \$200.....	300 00
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	\$522 98

## STATE TAX.

D. A. Gleason, treasurer.....	\$4740 00
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## NATIONAL BANK TAX.

D. A. Gleason, treasurer.....	\$2758 98
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## REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS, TOWN FARM.

J. M. Estabrook & Co., door weights.....	\$5 00
A. S. Pickering, mason work.....	15 50
C. C. Fisk, plank.....	53 95
Weed Bros. & Lent, lumber and labor.....	147 13
C. A. Ambler & Co., hardware bill.....	24 19
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware bill.....	135 53
Field Bros., lumber.....	188 98
L. A. Cook, bill.....	6 15
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	\$576 43

## MEMORIAL HALL ACCOUNT (MEAD, MASON &amp; CO.)

C. A. Ambler & Co., drain pipe.....	\$58 22
Wm. Tracy and D. Rearborn, labor.....	14 30
Peter McCabe, labor.....	48 32
David Bushee, carting.....	48 30
Hobbs, Glidden & Co., sand.....	2 50
Geo. B. Blake, labor.....	122 87
A. S. Pickering, setting boiler, setting steps and mason work.....	354 30
Milford Gas Co., gas.....	10 50
Mead, Mason & Co., contractors.....	6075 00
Mead, Mason & Co., material and extra work.....	243 69
Boston & Albany Railroad Co., freight.....	19 66
Thomas Foster, stone for fire-place and labor.....	400 00
J. O. Symonds, carting.....	20 75
T. G. Kent, Attorney.....	11 00
Robert Savage, labor.....	86 72
A. C. Kinney, marble tablets and labor.....	157 95
John Marra, stone work.....	17 00
Fred Swasey, plans \$200, balance of services, \$300...	500 00
John Burnette, sharpening tools.....	35 38
Lally & Montague, paints, oils and cement.....	103 75
Thomas Quirk, stone and labor.....	4 80
C. W. Carroll, sharpening tools.....	27 00
John Cuddihy, labor.....	4 13
Weed Bros. & Lent, lumber and labor.....	15 75
Edmond Donavan, labor.....	52 95
Michael Mahon, labor.....	124 70
J. W. Meserve, labor.....	7 25
L. A. McMahon, labor.....	10 00
Michael Kelley, labor.....	3 75

Adams Express Co., freight.....	\$3 05
Wm. P. Miller, loam.....	26 00
A. F. Putnam, labor.....	7 50
N. W. Turner, gas fixtures.....	85 00
William Foster, labor.....	12 00
C. Walk, brass rail.....	150 00
C. A. Hoyt, conductor pipe.....	12 65
John Miller, grading.....	40 00
C. A. Wright, labor.....	6 88
J. P. Daniels, loam.....	5 25
James Bergin, lumber and labor.....	5 63
Brazer & Pradee, frescoe work.....	50 00
L. A. Cook, lime and cement.....	48 35
Peter Shields, labor.....	16 50
Murdock Parlor Grate Co., bill.....	174 71
Redding, Baird & Co., mdse.....	12 00
Hopedale Foundry Co., bill.....	11 33
Bartlett & Ellis.....	29 48
W. H. Hooker, timber and labor bill.....	3 50
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	\$9,280.37

### MEMORIAL HALL. (TOWN OF MILFORD.)

N. F. Blake, care of building.....	\$8 00
George B. Blake, labor.....	21 38
A. F. Putnam, labor.....	1 25
C. T. Crosby, bill.....	5 01
Mead, Mason & Co., bill.....	9 31
Bartlett & Ellis, bill.....	47 26
P. Lynch, pails.....	30
Craige and Severance, bill.....	12 15
Weed Bros. & Lent.....	16 91
H. B. Thayer, salary.....	25 00
Mary Powers, labor.....	2 25
Isaac Welch, labor.....	75
George Christian, labor.....	5 00
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	\$154 57

### MEMORIAL HALL.

#### SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR LETTERING.

Times Publishing Co., printing.....	\$15 00
Cook & Sons, printing.....	27 00
G. M. Billings, ".....	18 75
Thomas Foster, lettering tablets.....	50 00
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	\$110 75

## LIQUOR LICENSES.

D. A. Gleason, treasurer, 1-4 received .....	\$1,743 75
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## STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid by E. C. Claflin, treasurer, as follows:

State aid.....	\$4448 00
Military aid.....	2123 00
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	\$6,571.00

## PAY OF MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. H. Scott, treasurer.....	\$4650 00
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## INCIDENTALS, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. H. Scott, treasurer.....	1000 00
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## NEW HOSE.

J. H. Scott, treasurer.....	\$300 00
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## DECORATION DAY.

B. H. Montague.....	\$100 00
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## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Simpson Bros., concrete work.....	\$1678 52
Alton A. Cook, measuring work....	4 00
Wm. L. Billings, labor.....	79 50

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\$1762.02

Sidewalk taxes committed .....	\$499 03
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## ASSETS OF THE TOWN OF MILFORD.

School buildings and land .....	\$59700 00
Town Park.....	15000 00
Memorial Hall .....	22000 00
Memoral Hall lot.....	3000 00
Town House and land.....	20000 00
Town farm .....	4000 00
Highway department property.....	2400 00
Gravel pits.....	150 00
Town Library.....	4000 00
Safes .....	100 00
Street lights.....	1600 00
Fire Department property.....	20200 00
Town History .....	1500 00
Cash on hand .....	1930 82
Due for State and Military.....	5509 50
B. F. Holbrook, entering sewer.....	50 00



H. C. Scott, entering sewer.....	\$62 50
Milford Music Hall Co., entering sewer.....	175 00
Due from F. Swasey on Town House.....	64 66

## TOWN DEBT.

Milford Town bonds.....	\$40000 00
Hide and Leather Bank, railroad bonds.....	50000 00
Money borrowed, Milford Savings Bank.....	25000 00
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	\$115,000 00

## RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Highway department.....	\$9964 37
Incidentals.....	6606 21
Gas and street lights.....	2968 77
Town library.....	1299 43
School department.....	24810 69
Support of poor.....	11599 80
Interest.....	6881 11
State and military aid.....	6571 00
Fire department.....	5950 00
Decoration Day.....	100 00
Concrete sidewalks.....	1682 52
Town Park.....	160 10
Water for fire purposes.....	3232 09
Vernon Grove cemetery.....	200 00
Repairs on Town House.....	1509 89
Town Hall and Lockup account.....	522 98
Money borrowed and paid.....	45000 00
Memorial Hall (3 accounts).....	9545 69
Liquor licenses.....	1743 75
State tax.....	4740 00
Bank tax.....	2758 98
Repairs of town farm buildings.....	576 43
Care of burial lots.....	24 00
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	\$148,447 81

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. BANCROFT,	} Selectmen of Milford.
P. H. CURRAN,	
H. A. CLARK,	

## SUMMARY.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Highways.....	\$8500 00
Highways special.....	300 00

Highways earnings.....	\$720 87	
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Incidentals.....		6000 00
Street Lights.....	\$2700 00	
Street Lights, special.....	200 00	
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Library.....	\$1000 00	
Library, Dog Tax.....	299 43	
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Schools, etc.....		23400 00
Text Books.....		700 00
Fire Department.....		6250 00
Poor Department.....		10000 00
Interest.....		7000 00
Military Aid.....		750 00
Memorial Day.....		100 00
Concrete Sidewalks.....		1000 00
Town Debt.....		5000 00
Water for fires.....		3250 00
Sewer Committee.....		300 00
Town House.....		1200 00
Town Park.....		125 00
Repairs at Poor Farm.....		500 00
Memorial Hall Tablets.....		600 00
Vernon Grove Cemetery.....		200 00
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Money Borrowed.....		\$40000 00
Town Debt Feb. 12, 1885.....		120000 00

## EXPENDED.

Highways.....	\$9964 37
Incidentals.....	6606 21
Street Lights.....	2968 77
Schools.....	24810 69
Library.....	1299 43
Poor Department.....	11599 80
Interest.....	6881 11
State and Military Aid.....	6571 00
\$4448 State Aid and \$1061.50 to be returned by the State.	
Fire Department.....	5950 00
Memorial Day.....	100 00
Concrete Sidewalks.....	1762 02
\$499.03 to be paid by abutters	
Water for Fire Purposes.....	3232 09
Town House Repairs.....	1578 89
Town Hall and Lockup.....	522 98
Memorial Hall.....	9545 69
Liquor Licenses.....	1743 75

Town Park .....	\$160 10
State Tax .....	4740 00
Bank Tax .....	2758 98
Repairs at Poor Farm.....	576 43
Care of Burial Lots.....	24 00
Vernon Grove Cemetery.....	200 00
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Money Paid.....	\$45000 00
Town Debt Feb. 12, 1886.....	\$115,000 00



# OVERSEERS OF POOR REPORT.

## EXPENSE AT THE FARM.

Grain.....	\$603 94
Salary of Superintendent.....	500 00
Meat,.....	353 16
Flour.....	247 75
Hired help.....	217 66
Butter.....	130 63
Dry Goods.....	127 49
Salt fish.....	127 37
Fresh fish.....	96 73
Boots and shoes.....	87 75
Hay.....	69 46
Hardware and farming tools.....	62 40
Tobacco.....	56 96
Clothing.....	53 95
Medical attendance.....	50 00
Molasses.....	54 87
Medicine.....	47 20
Coal.....	39 01
Plastering and whitewashing.....	31 00
Bull.....	30 00
Shoats.....	28 25
Tea.....	34 09
Blacksmithing and repairs on wagon.....	26 85
Small groceries and spices.....	21 67
Furniture.....	26 15
Soft soap.....	20 50
Sugar.....	62 93
Small bills paid by Lewis Phipps.....	18 75
Fertilizer.....	18 00
Sawing and grinding at Fisk's mills.....	17 63
Repairing boots and shoes.....	16 53
Crackers.....	16 25
Hard soap.....	15 27
Lime, cement and brick.....	15 05
Shoeing horse and oxen.....	13 05
Kerosene oil.....	12 86
Pasturing heifers.....	10 00
Salt.....	9 00
Grass seed.....	7 80
Coffee.....	6 30
Making cider.....	5 84

Cheese.....	\$4 61
Syrup.....	4 00
Snuff.....	3 52
Brooms.....	2 40
Doctoring horse.....	2 00
Extracting teeth.....	2 00
Paint.....	2 90
Tin Ware.....	1 85
Repairs on stove.....	1 50
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	\$3414 86

## INCOME AT THE FARM.

Milk.....	\$890 54
Oxen.....	161 55
Fat hogs.....	101 10
Pension.....	92 00
Veal calves.....	85 60
Board for Electa Kimball.....	78 00
State aid.....	75 00
Pigs.....	34 00
Patatoes.....	27 57
Eggs.....	25 47
Service of bull and boar.....	23 50
Labor done away from farm.....	16 50
Boar.....	10 00
Onions.....	5 62
Squash.....	5 02
Hide tallow and sett.....	4 96
Calves.....	3 50
Pie plant.....	3 31
Lard.....	2 80
Cider apples.....	2 23
Rye.....	2 20
Rags.....	35
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	\$1650 82

## INMATES AT THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Weeks.	Weeks.
Mrs. Electa Kimball.....52	Charles H. Remmick.....19
Edward Despeaux.....52	Mary S. Remmick.....19
Charles C. Austin.....52	Delia Haggerty.....8
Michael Coy.....52	Elizabeth Gabbrie.....43
James Boland.....52	Edward Gabbrie.....29
Patrick Mahan.....52	Eliza Cherry.....5
Thomas Craven.....52	Catharine Cherry.....14
Edward Quinlan.....52	Medora Cherry.....11

Mary O'Connell.....	52	Thomas Stewart.....	7
James A. Hern.....	52	Henry McGrath.....	41
Kate A. Hern.....	47	Daniel McGrath.....	41
Frank Sergerson.....	52	Mary E. McGrath.....	23
Mrs. Frank Sergerson.....	13	Hannah Mahan.....	52
R. D. H. Beaty.....	52	Ann Quinliven.....	4
Mary Beaty.....	52	Charles H. White.....	10
Julia Carey.....	52	Patrick Cunniff.....	29
Bridget Cain.....	52	Chandler Howard.....	24
John Cook.....	52	Mrs. Helen Middleton.....	26
John Masterson.....	52	Mary Middleton.....	26
Arthur O'Keefe.....	46	George Middleton.....	26
Daniel McCarty.....	52	James Sullivan.....	9
John Sheedy.....	10	Peter Matthews.....	21
William Madden.....	5	John Manion.....	3
John Flynn.....	52	James McCommick.....	14
Lydia A. Parkhurst.....	52	Dennis Pyne.....	12
Mary Fitzgerald.....	44	Charles H. Dunham.....	11
Prudence S. Burrell.....	50	James Donahue.....	4
Adrastus Sherman.....	52	Margaret Keenan.....	3
Thomas Field.....	52		
Net expense at the farm.....		\$1764	04
Appraisal of town farm, \$4600, interest.....		276	00
Appraisal of personal property, \$3340, interest.....		200	40
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			\$2240 44
Whole number of persons admitted during the year....			57
Average number of persons admitted during the year..			36 $\frac{21}{52}$
Average weekly cost of each person.....			\$1,18

PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD, AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Mrs. James Ahern,	\$132 66	Mrs. George Horner,	\$4 00
Mrs. Peter Brock,	36 34	Patrick Hanagin,	15 19
Patrick Butler,	21 90	John Knight,	6 38
Mrs. Thomas Barry,	70 28	Mrs. Thomas Lyons,	91 70
Mrs. Mary Cronan,	29 40	Thomas Larkin,	57 00
James Coffey,	13 69	Mrs. Michael Lyons,	84 89
Peter Collins,	27 92	Mrs. Mary Manion,	16 73
Winnefred Casey,	40 85	Mrs. Patrick Manion,	114 71
Mrs. Peter Collins,	27 43	Thomas Murphy,	27 96
Patrick Cunniff,	24 90	Edward McKanna,	53 83
Mrs. Patrick Cloonan,	182 16	Patrick McQuaid,	40 91
Mrs. May Coy,	55 97	Mrs. James Middleton,	42 85
Miss Nancy McCool,	117 00	Mrs. Edward Murphy,	91 74
Mrs. James Comee,	133 03	Mrs. Bridget Murray,	27 00
Andrew Conniff,	21 00	Mrs. John P. Moore,	168 30
John Collins,	50 17	James McAvoy,	4 88
John Cummings,	6 76	Peter Moore,	9 00
William Caine, children,	99 10	Mrs. Charles Murphy,	35 00



Benjamin Cottrell,	\$14 38	John F. Moore,	\$28 00
Mrs. William Blanchard,	60 00	Robert Nichols,	6 76
Mrs. William Dacey,	155 74	Patrick Nugent,	36 00
Edward F. Donavon,	8 49	Owen O'Hara,	50 43
James Donahoe,	17 58	Ellen O'Connor,	14 07
Mrs. David Doyle,	106 03	Maurice O'Connell,	6 95
Frank Dugan,	27 86	William O'Connor,	17 00
Ellis Daniels,	14 38	Mrs. Mary Quinlan,	161 83
Mrs. William Fahey,	195 69	Mrs. Michael Quirk,	40 76
Mrs. Thomas Finton,	35 85	John Quirk,	2 00
Mrs. Susannah Flagg,	66 00	Mrs. Thomas Rabbitt,	40 98
John Flynn,	10 35	Mrs. John Reynolds,	216 52
Mary Fitzgerald,	7 35	Mrs. Dennis Ryan,	66 16
John Fay,	10 46	William Stewart,	27 62
James Fay,	31 88	Mrs. Michael Toolan,	41 00
Mrs. Darius S. Flagg,	104 00	Susan Twohey case,	9 70
Patrick McGrath,	29 38	Daniel Shea,	118 66
Michael Gannon,	172 83	Edward Sweeney,	19 88
Andrew Gilroy,	187 31	Joel L. Stanford,	27 76
Mrs. D. Gilmore,	100 80	Michael Smith,	53 00
Mrs. J. J. Grant,	106 87	Bridget Sweeney,	10 00
Mrs. Hugh Glennan,	52 00	Fred L. Tillston,	147 88
Miss Ellen Guild,	180 87	John W. Wilson,	81 64
Timothy Hurley,	26 76	Mrs. Margerat Welch,	63 13
Thomas Hughes,	16 00	Timothy Wallace,	12 00
Mrs. Thomas Hogan,	25 50	James F. Boland,	7 50
Michael Hageney,	64 60	Mrs. Eliza Buxton,	11 67
Howard Holland,	99 00		
Mrs. Michael Halpin,	102 92		\$5455 38
Edward Holihan,	120 97		

PERSONS BELONGING TO MILFORD AIDED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. Fleming Adams, Attleboro.....	\$59 00
Patrick Boyle, Worcester.....	85 58
Alvin Collins, Medway.....	117 92
James Coughlin, Boston.....	1 65
Albert Armstrong, Medway.....	61 10
John Douceet, Spencer.....	2 00
John Dorherty, Westboro.....	25 85
Mrs. Andrew Doyle, Southboro.....	3 00
John Fahey, Lyman school, Westboro.....	21 39
John Foley, Worcester City hospital.....	70 00
Mrs. Laura J. Green, Lynn.....	130 00
James M. Griffin, Plymouth.....	6 00
Lucian Hinkley, Ware.....	124 13
Toby Hart, Spencer.....	2 75
Alton Handley, Framingham.....	7 54

Julius L. Johnson, Bellingham.....	\$11 75
Mrs. James A. Kennedy, Blackstone.....	110 72
Henry Lyons, Reform School, Lowell.....	75 34
Mrs. John C. Morrisey, Blackstone.....	112 00
Charles J. Moore, Worcester.....	16 00
Mary Moran, Boston.....	98 00
Bridget Moloney, Waltham.....	5 00
James Murphy, Marlboro.....	127 45
Mahan children, Boston.....	39 26
Ann Quinliven, Spencer.....	3 00
Margaret Quinn, Lowell.....	10 00
Mrs. William Roach, Blackstone.....	58 37
Chas. H. Remmick, Grafton.....	16 15
Edgar P. Smith, Hanover.....	11 24
Levi L. Smith, Hanover.....	5 00
Edward Sireack, Holliston.....	34 00
Seth W. Shephard, Lyman school, Westboro.....	7 43
Mary Sergerson, Worcester.....	6 38
Mrs. Joanna Slattery, Hopkinton.....	58 50
Mrs. Cornelius Scanlan, City hospital, Boston.....	2 00
Mrs. Sarah Tiernan, Worcester.....	2 29
Mrs. Marcus Wilcox, Douglas.....	151 80
Mrs. Mary White, Franklin.....	128 78
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	\$1808 37

PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS AIDED IN MILFORD.

Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Hopkinton.....	\$51 55
Henry Berry, Nantucket.....	19 19
James Burns, Northbridge.....	56 88
Geo. W. Brown, Uxbridge.....	169 01
Wm. H. Bigelow, Hopkinton.....	25 07
Richard Carey, Boston.....	14 13
John Clancey, Upton.....	4 75
Mrs. Jerry Daley, Northbridge.....	179 65
“ Bridget Dorherty, Hopkinton.....	3 38
“ Nathan Durfee, Holliston.....	3 38
“ Benjamin Fairbanks, Hopkinton.....	29 32
“ Patrick Gleason, Medway.....	48 14
“ Ann G. Howard, Holliston.....	2 41
“ Charles O’Keefe, Hopkinton.....	177 35
“ John Powers, Bellingham.....	14 00
“ Leland J. Reed, Orange.....	57 85
Robert Savage., Medway.....	116 94
Joshua O. Langley, Warren.....	172 36
Charles H. Snowling, Northbridge.....	63 93
Francis Finn, Holliston.....	37 38
Mrs. Hannah K. Thompson (Cox), Uxbridge.....	23 50

Charles A. Wright, Plympton ..... \$60 68

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\$1330 85

### INSANE.

Henry Cain.....	\$172 86
Caroline Coughlin.....	183 91
Abbott L. Perry.....	170 70
John Coffey.....	152 44
Peter Mathews.....	129 23
Margaret Bradley.....	177 16
Maria Ripley.....	169 98
James McCommick.....	149 44
Mary Connell.....	191 26
Thomas J. Harper.....	169 56
James Sullivan.....	171 92
Thomas H. Donovan.....	183 52
Charles W. Dunham.....	181 66
Peter Corrigan.....	139 49
Dennis Pyne.....	155 80
Mary Sullivan.....	18 21
John A. Barrett.....	30 74
Hannah Cronan.....	84 56

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\$2632 44

Cost of insane, 1883, \$1609,97.

“ “ 1884, \$2109,93.

“ “ 1885, \$2632,44.

Increase of expense of the insane in the year 1885, exceeds that of 1883, \$1022, 47.

### STATE PAUPERS.

Miss Nettie Barber.....	\$4 53
Crohen Connell.....	34 51
Hannah Cooney.....	13 14
John Carroll.....	81
Everett Cook.....	79
John Davoren.....	79
George Gabbrie.....	3 34
William Harty.....	27 45
Michael Murphy.....	33 13
Michael McGuire.....	21 15
Daniel McNeil.....	36 14
Thomas McCann.....	50
Sarah McGowen.....	77
Patrick McCommick.....	1 54
Mrs. Lucelia E. Nichols.....	20 00



Daniel Sullivan .....	\$1 74
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	\$200 33
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415 tramps .....	\$21 52
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## INCIDENTALS.

Printing notices, denials and orders.....	9 50
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Postal cards and stamps.....	6 25
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Books and stationery.....	3 16
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Repairing lock.....	50
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	\$19 41
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Cash in hand of Overseers.....	\$22 18
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## RECEIPTS.

E. C. Claffin, Treasurer.....	\$11599 80
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Cash on hand from 1884.....	7 29
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Income at the farm .....	1650 82
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Northbridge.....	314 26
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Hopkinton.....	300 44
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Uxbridge.....	183 86
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Warren.....	173 61
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Medway.....	171 83
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Orange .....	69 55
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Plympton.....	60 68
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Holliston .....	47 55
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Nantucket.....	31 19
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Bellingham .....	14 00
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Upton.....	4 25
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Boston .....	23 62
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State.....	93 17
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State aid.....	48 00
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Charles T. Guild .....	60 25
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Donated by W. H. Gile & Co., 1 per cent. of Novem- ber sales .....	46 67
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Patrick Hubon, aid received in 1884.....	4 50
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	\$14,905 34
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## RECAPITULATION.

Expense at the farm .....	\$3414 86
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Paupers outside the farm .....	5455 38
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Paupers in other towns.....	1808 37
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Paupers belonging to other towns.....	1330 85
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Insane .....	2632 44
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State paupers .....	200 33
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Tramps .....	21 52
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Incidentals .....	19 41
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Cash in hands of overseers .....	\$22 18
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	\$14,905 34
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BILLS DUE MILFORD FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Uxbridge.....	\$16 65
Warren.....	16 00
Northbridge.....	10 20
Hopkinton.....	10 00
Medway.....	5 00
Upton.....	50
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	\$58 35

NUMBER OF PAUPERS AIDED.

Insane.....	18
State .....	36
Farm .....	57
Other Paupers.....	443
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The Superintendent and Matron are paid to March 1st, 1886; salary, \$500. The town Doctor is paid to April 1st, 1886, salary, \$150.

We have the suit of Susan Twohey against the State, now pending, which the committee on claims gave us leave to withdraw last year, in order to bring the case before the proper tribunal, which is a court of three Judges, appointed for the purpose of settling all claims against the State. We are now waiting for a hearing, which we hope will be successful for the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHESTER L. CLARK,	} Overseers
JOHN MADDEN,	
G. F. BIRCH,	
	} of the
	} Poor.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS,  
AND WHICH THE TOWN OWES.

	One year's interest on the several Burial Lots.	Amount expended on each lot during the year as follows:	Balance of interest due on each lot for the year 1885.
Sarah M. Whipple,	\$100	Whipple, \$6	Whipple, \$6.00
Mrs. Theron Holbrook.	100	Holbrook, 6 Jas. Higgins, care Holbrook lot,	Holbrook, 7.00
Mrs. Obadiah Albee,	100	Albee, 6 " " Albee lot,	Albee, 8.00
Wm. B. Dyer,	150	Dyer, 9 " " Dyer "	Dyer, 14.00
Henry S. Dean,	100	Dean, 6 Jas. Higgins, } " Dean "	Dean.
Abigail H. Adams,	100	Adams, 6 J. E. Macuen, care Adams lot,	Adams, 1.50
Mary E. Buck,	50	Buck, 3 Jas. Higgins, " Buck "	Buck, 3.00
	<u>\$700</u>	<u>\$42</u>	<u>\$39.50</u>
		\$24.00	



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

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The Town Clerk herewith presents the doings in his department for the year 1885 :

There were issued and recorded, 66 liquor licenses of the various classes, amounting to \$6,975, against 62 the previous year, with a total revenue of \$6,800.

Of dog licenses, there were issued 338; 304 males and 34 females. Total cash receipts for such licenses, \$778. The amount turned over to the County Treasurer was \$710.40, while the amount so returned the previous year was \$633.60, for 302 dogs.

There were 82 marriage intentions recorded, while 85 marriages were reported during the year, of which 66 were first marriage and 5 second; 9 widowers took maidens for wives, and 2 reported second marriage of groom and the third for the bride. Local clergy and justices of the peace performed all the ceremonies, except in 14 cases which took place out of town, but returned here.

There were 182 births recorded; 90 females and 92 males: 20 births occurred in January, 14 February, 15 March, 13 April, 17 May, 13 June, 15 July, 19 August, 11 September, 15 October, 17 November, and 12 December.

There were 211 deaths reported, a large increase over the previous year. Consumption, as in past years, was the prevailing disease, while pneumonia and typhoid pneumonia raged among the children and aged people in the fore part of the year. Of the number reported, 107 were females and 104 males: 110 bodies are buried in the Catholic cemetery, the balance in the other cemeteries in town and other places.

There were 105 conveyances and mortgages of personal property recorded for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS HAYDEN, Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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MILFORD, Mass., Feb. 10, 1886.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF MILFORD, GENTLEMEN:—This Board has during the year attended promptly to all cases of nuisances detrimental to the public health, to which their attention has been called, or which have been observed by either member. The number of nuisances (great and small) abated, has been 121. Several carcasses of dead animals have been buried. Four cases of considerable importance came before the Board for action which demanded recourse to legal proceedings before the nuisances were abated, or the cost of abatement made by the Board was settled. Happily, all these cases never reached the courts, and the town has therefore been saved much expensive litigation.

In the latter part of the Summer and early Fall, a widespread fear of an invasion of small-pox possessed the public mind throughout this section of country, which was intensified here by cases occurring in towns in the vicinity. In order to put the people in the best position to resist the progress of the plague should it show itself here, free vaccination was inaugurated, and about 1000 persons were vaccinated, mostly children. The School Committee having enforced the law compelling vaccination before attendance, and a free performance of the operation having been granted to all, it can now, probably for the first time, be said that not an unvaccinated child attends the public schools of our town.

The matter of the necessity of some systematic method of disposing of the sewage of the town, has been called to public attention in former reports of this Board, and all that has been said therein can, with the experience of this year, be emphasized. Many parts of the town are honeycombed with private drains, which sometimes become stopped, at others leak, and infiltrate the neighboring soil, causing a large share of the sickness from which our people suffer.

If these could be made to converge to a set of sewers with a proper outlet, and systematic measures taken to keep them whole and open, one great source of disease to the town would be controlled.

As this matter is under consideration by a committee appointed by the town, the Board feel that, by calling public attention to the matter again, they fulfil their duty.

In conclusion, it may be proper to state that one or two nuisances, in connection with drains, which have been complained of, it has been unable to abate, on account of the setting in and steady

continuance of frost, and steps have been taken to remedy the difficulties with the advent of Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. MACKIN, M. D.,	}	Board of Health.
JOHN M. EATON, M. D.		
LOWELL E. FALES,		

## REPORT OF TOWN PARK COMMISSIONERS.

### EXPENSES.

Hugh Smith, labor.....	\$19 50	
Christopher Kolp, labor.....	18 00	
Richard Carey, ".....	20 25	
Eugene Sullivan, ".....	1 75	
Chas. F. Libby, ".....	2 25	
Bernard Riley, ".....	5 00	
John Miller, ".....	13 00	
W. H. Britton, 10 seats.....	17 50	
T. E. Morse, painting.....	26 38	
Christopher Hersey, labor.....	1 50	
John McEnnany, ".....	9 50	
One pair tree climbers.....	3 00	
Geo. A. Sherborn, carting.....	75	
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		\$138 38
Sumner Pond, labor (1884).....	\$1 25	
S. A. Vant, " ".....	20 47	
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		21 72
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		\$160 10

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. WILCOX,  
HENRY E. FALES,  
DWIGHT RUSSELL,

Town Park Commissioners.



# MILFORD TOWN LIBRARY.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

During the past year nothing has occurred of special interest in regard to the Town Library, aside from the completion of Memorial Hall, a noble building, which is at once an honor and an ornament to the town. To that hall, built at the expense of the town, and dedicated in part to the cause of education, our books have been already transferred, and there they will henceforth have an elegant and attractive home. It presents a striking contrast to the old, dark, contracted and wholly unsuitable quarters, in which the library has hitherto been located.

We may well hope that our people will show their appreciation of this new departure, that the Town Library, with its new attractions, will be more liberally patronized than ever before, and that its usefulness will be greatly increased. The importance of the public library as a means of popular education can hardly be overestimated.

The trustees have now on hand quite a sum of money which has not been expended, because they thought it might be expected of them to furnish the shelves and furniture of their new room, and they desired to reserve enough for that purpose. They have already put in suitable shelves, and are about laying out a considerable amount in providing settees, tables, chairs, etc. And some books have been ordered which are not yet paid for.

The expense of the library will in future be reduced in some respects. There will be no rent to pay, and that has amounted to \$180 per year. It does not seem best to the trustees to insure the books against fire, especially as no other town property is insured, and there will be an annual saving of \$100. And we presume the trustees will not be expected to pay for heating and lighting the rooms used for the library, which has cost about \$90 a year. On the other hand there will be a larger sum paid to the librarian, if the library is kept open more hours than before, and this the trustees desire to see done. And of course a janitor will be employed to look after the building and attend to the fires.

After due and careful consideration, the trustees recommend that the town make an appropriation of \$800 for the Town Library for the ensuing year.

CHAS. A. DEWEY, Chairman of the Trustees.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. E. WALKER, Treasurer,  
In account with Milford Town Library.

Feb., 1886.	DR.	
Balance from last year's account.....		\$376 23
Town appropriation.....		1000 00
One-half dog tax.....		299 43
For fines.....		47 27
For catalogues.....		2 00
		\$1724 93

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PAID		
M. J. Kelley, librarian.....		\$300 00
H. C. Scott, rent.....		225 00
G. G. Parker, insurance.....		102 50
Express .....		1 45
Covering books.....		4 92
Books .....		314 76
Milford Water Co., for water.....		6 00
Milford Gas Light Co., for gas.....		55 23
Postage.....		2 00
Supplies.....		2 19
Printing.....		16 00
Coal.....		9 95
Book cases.....		165 00
Balance cash on hand.....		519 93
		\$1724 93

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN:—The following twenty-seventh annual report is respectfully submitted:

The library year began Feb. 9, 1885, and ended Feb. 6, 1886, with a circulation of 30,139 volumes.

During the latter months of the year, there has been a large increase in the number of patrons, and there is no doubt that, with the agreeable change from the old quarters to Memorial Hall, the library will gain considerably in circulation.

The U. S. Government through the courtesy of our Congressman, has forwarded to us 158 volumes, principally Congressional Globes and Records, and we now have the set almost complete. All the other additions were purchased.

The patrons of the library have conducted themselves in an orderly manner, there being no occasion to deprive any person of the privileges for disorder. There still remains that objectionable feature, namely, the too large amount of fiction read in comparison with the other classes. If the patrons would take the trouble, they would find in every class books which now are seldom read and which are as interesting, and certainly more beneficial, than the books which are in continual circulation. Since the present catalogue was issued, there has been a large number of books added, and perhaps it would be advisable to issue a supplementary catalogue. By vote of the trustees, the library was closed Jan. 16, and shortly after the annual examination was made, with the following result:

Number of books, per catalogue.....	6716	
Number of duplicates.....	205	
		6921
Number of books in circulation.....	6636	
“ missing (Aug. 30, 1884, included).....	66	
“ ready for bindery.....	130	
“ incomplete.....	89	
		6921

The appended schedule is the complete summary of the work in the library during the year. The number of cards issued to date is 3,536. 310 cards were given to parties who never had taken books from the library. One of the principal, and certainly the most agreeable, event, was the transfer of the books to the new and commodious rooms in Memorial Hall. This involved considerable time and labor, but all the books have been transferred, and will be in condition for delivery very soon.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN J. KELLEY, *Librarian.*



CIRCULATION.

MONTHS.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Amount.	No. of Days.	Average.	Catalogue.	Fines.
February, 1885.....	71	84	9	162	35	1131	137	11	57	745		2442	17	143 <sup>11</sup> <sub>17</sub>	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 81
March .....	128	113	3	198	92	1708	211	10	49	1098		3610	25	144 <sup>11</sup> <sub>25</sub>	50	4 50
April .....	125	124	8	150	45	1529	184	21	56	1023		3265	25	129 <sup>19</sup> <sub>25</sub>		4 42
May.....	109	110	21	145	27	1301	171	16	35	810		2745	25	109 <sup>20</sup> <sub>25</sub>	50	4 34
June .....	88	98	12	145	23	1152	151	6	37	782	I	2496	26	96	50	3 88
July.....	65	79	8	102	22	1001	88	6	20	660		2051	26	78 <sup>23</sup> <sub>26</sub>		4 20
August.....	79	84	8	119	21	958	125	13	33	696		2136	25	85 <sup>11</sup> <sub>25</sub>		3 00
September.....	79	95	12	153	44	1238	163	10	21	868		2683	26	103 <sup>5</sup> <sub>26</sub>		3 40
October.....	65	87	5	130	40	1169	148	8	36	912	I	2601	26	100 <sup>1</sup> <sub>26</sub>		3 25
November .....	86	99	13	148	30	1257	142	16	42	928		2761	24	115 <sup>1</sup> <sub>24</sub>		3 80
December .....	95	119	24	170	57	1335	188	17	50	1080		3135	26	120 <sup>15</sup> <sub>26</sub>	50	4 25
January 1886.....	Closed.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	1 42
February “ .....	Closed.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....
Totals.....	990	1093	123	1622	436	13779	1708	134	436	9602	2	29925	271	111 <sup>58</sup> <sub>271</sub>	\$ 3 00	\$46 27

No. of Books taken by teachers, 214

Total.....30139

Largest daily circulation, March 7, 401. Smallest daily circulation, October 13, 31.

## BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Milford Fire Department, for the year ending February 12, 1886.

Giving a detailed account of the Manual Force and Apparatus of the Department; a record of all fires and alarms, showing the loss, amount of insurance and insurance paid, and the cause as far as could be ascertained; also the receipts and expenditures, with each appropriation kept separately; and the usual recommendations.

### RECEIPTS.

Received of E. C. Claflin, pay of members.....	\$4650 00
“ “ incidentals .....	1000 00
“ “ new hose .....	300 00
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	\$5950 00
Town of Mendon, use of derrick.....	\$6 00
Norcross Bros., old hose.....	7 50
Wickford Fire Corporation for Washington hand engine.....	650 00
Balance cash on hand, Feb 10, 1885.....	16 48— 679 98
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	\$6629 98

### EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation for pay of members, \$4650.00.

#### PAID

Milford S. F. E. Co., No. 1.....	\$455 00
A. Claflin S. F. E. Co., No. 2.....	455 00
Excelsior H. & L. Co., No. 1.....	585 00
Wide Awake Hose Co., No. 1.....	442 50
Washington Hose Co., No. 2.....	455 00
Hopedale Hose Co., No. 3.....	365 00
W. C. Gillman Hose Co., No. 4.....	455 00
F. M. Walker, driver Steamer 1.....	175 00
C. L. Witherell, driver Hose 1.....	152 00
C. O. Woodbury, driver Steamer 2.....	175 00
F. J. Rockwood, driver Hose 2.....	25 00
D. L. Stimpson, steward Hose 1.....	43 00
F. J. Rockwood. steward Hose 2.....	43 00
G. S. Arnold, steward Hose 3.....	40 00
J. C. O'Neil, steward Hose 4.....	40 00

John Kelley, steward H. & L.....	\$20 00
James Birmingham, steward H. & L.....	20 00
Henry Willard, engineman Steamer 1.....	175 00
H. B. Fairbanks, engineman Steamer 2.....	175 00
Board of engineers.....	325 00
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	\$4620 50
Balance .....	29 50
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	\$4650 00

### APPROPRIATION FOR INCIDENTALS, \$1000.

#### PAID

Milford Gas Light Co.....	\$225 91
Milford Water Co .....	35 25
Hopedale Machine Co., repairs.....	21 33
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs.....	16 91
Hall Rubber Co., rubber for step, Hose 4.....	75
Adams Express Co., freight.....	2 75
Boston & Albany Railroad Co., freight.....	50
Hopedale stable, teams to fires.....	4 50
T. F. Daveron, " " .....	4 50
James Powers, " " .....	5 00
J. O. Symonds, " " .....	2 00
David Bushee, " " .....	6 00
H. C. Snell, " " .....	1 50
M. W. Edwards, horses for truck.....	43 50
A. L. Smith, horses for hose No. 4.....	27 00
G. A. Sherborne, horses for steamer and express.....	10 50
O. D. Holmes, ringing fire alarm .....	11 00
G. E. Daniels, ringing fire alarm .....	10 00
B. H. Montague, ringing fire alarm ....	4 00
A. Claffin, S. F. E. Co. No. 2, blinds .....	10 00
A. Claffin, S. F. E. Co. No. 2, room rent .....	50 00
Barney & Son, coal and wood .....	92 77
E. B. Foster, shavings.....	50
F. O. Dewey & Sons, lanterns.....	5 00
E. B. Preston & Co., lantern bracket.....	1 50
Heirs of S. P. Carpenter, lease of land.....	15 00
C. F. Quiggle, leather.....	7 95
O. M. Adams, envelopes .....	60
G. M. Billings, printing.....	5 75
J. Allen Rice, sponges and chamois .....	3 00
N. B. Fairbanks, oil.....	1 37
F. M. Walker, bedding.....	75
Martin Broderick, fire police.....	5 00
C. E. Clark, fire police.....	8 00
J. H. Scott, postage, stationery, mileage, etc.....	5 55



N. K. Sprague, labor.....	\$1 00
Cyrus Joy, labor.....	3 00
Davis Brothers, labor .....	3 62
J. C. Coffey, labor .....	5 00
James Birmingham, labor.....	2 00
J. A. Simpson, labor.....	1 50
T. E. Morse, labor and stock.....	1 16
Ralph Varnum, repairs.....	7 45
Lysander Grow, agt., repairs.....	12 70
Cyrus Noyes, repairs.....	1 65
Bangor Extension Ladder Co., repairs.....	5 00
L. E. Belknap, repairs.....	50
Henry Willard, repairs.....	9 60
Craige & Severance, repairs.....	6 50
C. T. Crosby & Co., repairs.....	17 50
D. R. Johnson, repairs.....	1 20
Cole Brothers, repairs.....	16 50
Harden & Marshall, repairs.....	1 50
H. S. Cushman, repairs and stock.....	9 10
Bartlett & Ellis, repairs and stock.....	35 75
A. S. Tuttle & Co., supplies.....	34 35
J. C. O'Neil, supplies.....	50
Conant Rubber Co., supplies.....	2 50
Currier & Kendall, supplies.....	4 00
H. C. Scott, supplies.....	38 71
C. A. Ambler & Co., supplies.....	2 98
A. Sumner, supplies .....	1 60
T. C. Eastman, supplies for Hose 4.....	53 25
A. S. Jackson, supplies.....	65 85

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\$991 61

Balance .....	8 39
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\$1000 00

### NEW HOSE.

Appropriation, \$300.

PAID

Boston Woven Hose Co., for 400 feet hose.....	\$300 00
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### SALE OF WASHINGTON HAND ENGINE.

Received of Wickford Fire Corporation.....	\$650 00
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PAID

E. C. Claflin, town treasurer.....	622 10
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J. H. Scott, labor and expense.....	5 50
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Cole Bros., commission.....	20 00
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Greene Bros., use of canvas cover.....	2 00
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M. F. P. & H. R. R., freight.....	40
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\$650 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Total amount drawn from E. C. Claflin.....		\$5950 00
Paid for members of Dep't.....	\$4620 50	
Paid for incidentals.....	991 61	
Paid for new hose.....	300 00	
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Unexpended .....		37 89
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		\$5950 00
Balance on hand, Feb. 10, 1885.....	\$16 48	
Received for old hose and use of derrick...	13 50	
Received for hand engine.....	650 00	
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		\$6629 98
Paid to town treasurer net receipts of sale of hand engine.....		622 10
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		\$6007 88
Balance on hand, Feb. 12th, 1886.....		67 87
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Total expense of fire department last year.....		\$5940 01

## APPROPRIATIONS, 1885.

Pay of members.....	\$4650 00	
Incidentals .....	1000 00	
Hose .....	300 00	
Repairs .....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$6250 00
		5940 01
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Unexpended.....		\$309 99

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

There were 17 bell alarms of fire during the year ending January 1. 1886. There were 2 still alarms, and one building totally destroyed, and one building partially damaged by fire without an alarm being given.

Below will be seen a statement of the same as near as could be ascertained.

Total amount of insurance on buildings damaged by fire, \$8300.

Total amount of insurance on contents, \$3100.

Total amount of insurance paid on buildings, \$336.12.

Total amount of insurance paid on contents, \$76.00.

Total amount paid	<hr/>	\$412.12
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Jan. 4, at 5 P. M. Slight fire in house owned and occupied by William Dillon. No alarm; Cause unknown; Damage, \$58; Insurance paid, \$44.

Jan. 5, 10:02 P. M. Unnecessary alarm: caused by hot ashes placed

in wooden keg in house owned by N. George and occupied by M. Rush, Central street; no damage.

March 25, 11:50 A. M. Chimney fire in house owned and occupied by Nora Leonard, East Main street; no damage.

March 25, 4 P. M.. Still alarm. Chimney fire in house owned by B. E. Harris, occupied by G. M. Davenport, Beach street; no damage.

April 7, 7:15 P. M. Forest fire, Bear Hill.

April 16, 5 P. M. Forest fire, back of Milford granite quarry.

April 20, 1:50 P. M: Forest fire back of the Hicks place, Hopkinton road.

April 21, 12 M: Forest fire near house owned by A. Rollins.

April 23, 6 P. M. Forest fire, Braggville road, owned by Messrs. Flanigan & Quirk.

April 25, 1:45 P. M. Forest fire near house owned by Mr. T. Shea, near Norcross Bros. quarry.

June 19, 5:40 P. M. Slight fire on roof of shuttle factory owned by S. Walker, occupied by Dudley & Knight, Hopedale. Damage \$10, insurance paid \$10; cause, sparks from smoke stack.

July 4, 4 A. M. Small building owned by Mr. Gannon, North Purchase. Damage total; cause incendiary; insurance on building, \$350; paid, \$300. Insurance on contents, \$100; paid, \$25; no alarm.

July 4, 10:45 P. M. Slight fire on roof of house owned and occupied by Esther McNamara, Church Place. Damage to building, \$6; damage to contents, \$11; insurance on building, \$1,650; paid, \$5.12; insurance on contents, \$600: paid, \$11; caused by fireworks.

July 9, 1:55 P. M. Old timber owned by Mr. Dudley, Hopedale; no damage.

July 14, 7:15 P. M. Chimney fire in house owned by Mr. Inman, Upton road; unnecessary alarm.

Oct. 8, 7:03 A. M. Slight fire in bakery owned by Mrs. McDermott, Pond street; caused by pan of fat catching fire from stove; no insurance claimed.

Oct. 17, 3:40 P. M. Chimney fire in carriage factory owned by I. N. Crosby, School street; no damage.

Dec. 8, 9:15 P. M. Small fire in house owned by Mr. McDonald, Depot street; caused by wood placed too near stove. Damage, \$20; insured for \$600; insurance paid, \$17.

Dec. 23, 8:05 P. M. Small fire in Dr. Clark's office, Main street; caused by lamp explosion; damage slight; still alarm.

Dec. 26, 9:10 P. M. Unnecessary alarm; chimney in house on Hayward street; no damage.

Dec. 29, 11:20 A. M. Unnecessary alarm; small brush fire about two miles out on the Medway road; no damage.

The force of the Fire Department is as follows:

#### BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

James Powers, Chief Engineer.	J. B. Bancroft, Assistant.
A. R. Cheney, 1st Assistant.	P. J. Baxter, Assistant.
J. H. Scott, Clerk and Treasurer.	D. R. Johnson, Assistant.

#### MILFORD STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., NO. 1.

Thomas Nutting, Foreman.	E. F. Pond, Hoseman.
Frank P. Mann, 1st Assistant.	A. C. Gardner, "
Willard P. Lealand, Clerk and Treas.	T. E. Kane, "
Henry Willard, Engineman.	Thomas Mahar, "
Henry E. Rockwood, Stoker.	William Brown, "
F. M. Walker, Driver.	Waldo Hancock, "
William Bowker, Hoseman.	George Whiting, "
A. D. Read, "	



## AARON CLAFLIN STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., NO. 2.

J. H. Morse, Foreman.	L. H. Hayden, Hoseman.
A. J. Watkins, 1st Assistant.	W. O. Hayden, "
W. A. Fairbanks, Clerk and Treas.	Nahum Gaskill, "
N. B. Fairbanks, Engineman.	John Brayn, "
C. O. Woodbury, Driver.	W. A. Otis, "
C. H. Cook, Hoseman.	G. H. Thompson, "
C. H. Smith, "	A. H. Smith, "
Joseph Lawton, "	

## WIDE AWAKE HOSE CO., NO. 1.

F. W. Adams, Foreman and Treas.	H. L. Willard, Hoseman.
W. J. Stimpson, 1st Assistant.	J. L. Lilley, "
A. D. White, Clerk.	L. E. Dolliff, "
D. L. Stimpson, Steward.	E. B. Bates, "
C. L. Littlefield, Hoseman.	C. L. Witherell, "
H. C. Benny, "	Charles Bagley, "
J. J. Hennessy, "	R. D. Hadley, "
G. H. Thompson, "	

## WASHINGTON HOSE CO., NO. 2.

L. E. Belknap, Foreman and Treas.	G. A. Frost, Hoseman.
J. T. Berrill, 1st Assistant.	John Glenfield, "
T. F. Martin, 2nd Assistant.	Emmons Fletcher, "
W. J. Pyne, Clerk.	Edward Dalton, "
F. J. Rockwood, Steward.	J. J. Ring, "
Bart Harrington, Hoseman.	M. C. Hussey, "
A. O. Hersey, "	T. J. Callahan, "
P. J. Connors, "	

## HOPEDALE HOSE CO., NO. 3.

Thomas J. Coyne, Foreman.	G. E. Frink, Hoseman.
Robert Ross, 1st Assistant.	E. S. Adams, "
F. L. Andrews, 2nd Assistant.	J. P. Smith, "
Samuel Pilling, Clerk.	T. F. Barrows, "
E. L. Chichester, Treas.	Thad. E. Stevens, "
G. S. Arnold, Steward.	E. M. Capen, "

## W. C. GILLMAN HOSE CO., NO. 4.

J. C. O'Neil, Foreman.	J. E. Fitzsimmons, Hoseman.
M. Higgins, 1st Assistant.	G. Julian, "
D. O'Connor, 2nd Assistant.	Fred Joslyn, "
C. A. Cheney, Clerk.	P. Coyne, "
M. Casey, Steward.	A. L. Smith, "
M. J. Buckley, Treasurer.	Owen Gormley, "
J. Howard, Hoseman.	M. Murphy, "
J. A. Cook, "	

## EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1.

Not fully organized.

## SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AND ITS CONDITION.

Milford Steam Fire Engine No. 1, built by Cole Brothers, Pawtucket, R. I., is in good condition as far as we can ascertain.

Aaron Claflin Steam Fire Engine No. 2, built by the Amoskeag Co., Manchester, N. H., is in good condition.

Excelsior Hook & Ladder Truck, built by E. B. Preston & Co., Chicago, Ill., is in good condition.

Wide Awake Hose Carriage No. 1, built by Abbot Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in good condition.

Washington Hose Carriage No. 2, built by Abbot Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in good condition.

Hopedale Hose Carriage Co. 3, built by Hunneman & Co., Boston, Mass., is in good condition.

W. C. Gillman Hose Carriage No. 4, built by Abbot Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in good condition.

One Babcock 4-wheeled Fire Extinguisher, in reserve.

One Hook & Ladder Truck in reserve.

There are six buildings owned and occupied by the Fire Department, situated as follows: One on Hopedale street, occupied by Hose No. 3, in good condition; one on South Main street, occupied by Steamers Nos. 1 and 2, in good condition; one at Lincoln square, occupied by Hose Cos. 1 and 2, in very poor condition; one corner Spruce and Main streets, occupied by Hook & Ladder Truck Co. No. 1, in very poor condition; one at North Purchase, occupied by the Extinguisher, in fair condition; one on Central street occupied by Hose Co. No. 4, in good condition.

There are sixteen reservoirs situated in the thickly settled parts of the town, and four hydrants located in the depot district suitable for steamers only, there not being sufficient force to them to throw a stream over any building, although they have been, and will continue to be, if properly cared for, very convenient in case of a large fire, as there is an everlasting supply of water from them.

There are 76 Hydrants of the Milford Water Company, as located and accepted by the town.

There are 6,300 feet of good reliable rubber-lined fabric hose in the Department.

## SALE OF WASHINGTON HAND ENGINE.

Agreeable to the vote of the Town instructing the Engineers of the Fire Department to dispose of the Washington hand engine, we would report that we have sold the above-mentioned engine to the Wickford Fire Corporation, Wickford, R. I., for the sum of \$650, including the amount of leather and unlined linen hose as reported last year. This was considered by the Engineers to be a very good price, considering the number of engines in the market, in consequence of so many towns putting in water works.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

For pay of Members,	\$4550	For New Hose,	\$300
" Incidentals,	1000	" Repairs,	300

We would also recommend that the town take some action in relation to building a house for the Hose and Hook & Ladder apparatus, and establish a Fire Alarm Telegraph, the necessity of which has been fully set forth in preceding reports and needs no further argument from us, still we feel it our duty to make mention of these things, as our Fire Department cannot be complete without them, and we believe it to be for the best interest of the Town.

### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we desire to thank the members of the Fire Department for a cheerful compliance to the rules of the department, and to say that it is not the intention of the Board of Engineers to make any arbitrary rules, all rules being fully considered before they are promulgated to the department and would not be made without being for the best interest of the Town and the Fire Department. We regret that our rules caused trouble in the Hook & Ladder Company, nevertheless it was necessary to enforce them after the company continued to run under them; and had we allowed the company to dictate to the Board of Engineers, the discipline of the department would have been injured, and we could not allow that at any cost. However, we think we showed a disposition to amicably adjust the matter when we agreed to arbitrate the question and to which the company refused. We have a new company started that will consist of fifteen men, which is in our opinion sufficient to handle the apparatus, as the truck is drawn by horses, and does not require as many men as when it was drawn by hand, and it will reduce the expenses of the department \$150 per year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES POWERS, Chief Engineer.

ALBERT R. CHENEY, 1st Assistant.

PATRICK BAXTER,

D. R. JOHNSON,

J. B. BANCROFT.

J. H. SCOTT, Clerk and Treasurer.



# TRUSTEES OF VERNON GROVE CEMETERY RE- PORT, FOR THE PAST YEAR.

## DR.

Feb. 7, 1885,	Cash on hand.....	\$62 43
Apr. 13, "	Rec'd of Wm.H.Simonds for Lot No. 532.	5 00
Apr. 18, "	" Geo. E. Anderson " 483	8 00
May 5, "	" Mrs. Jennie A. Tucker " 527	5 00
May 9, "	" Albert F. Fairbanks " 495	8 00
June 4, "	" E. C. Claffin, town treasurer....	100 00
Aug. 7, "	" " " " ....	100 00
Feb. 8, 1886,	" Wm. J. Woods for Lot No. 512.	7 00
" " "	" J. M. Woods, Cummings' deed,	5 00
" " "	" Wood sold.....	10 20
" " "	" One grave sold to Geo. Tucker,	3 00
		<hr/> \$313 63

## CR.

Henry Hancock, for labor in Cemetery.....	\$159 40
M. Spellman, " " .....	20 65
Theodore Prentice, " " .....	7 50
John M. Wood, labor and cash paid.....	3 40
W. H. Ring, labor in Cemetery.....	5 00
C. A. Ambler & Co., bill.....	5 00
Walter L. Bennett, painting tomb.....	2 00
H. C. Skinner, services.....	10 00
Cash on hand, Feb. 8th, 1886.....	160 18
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HENRY C. SKINNER, Treasurer.

By request of Aaron H. Small, his deed has been transferred to Mrs. Mary E. Reynolds. Arrangements were made with Mr. William L. Billings to construct an avenue in the back part of the ground, but when he got ready to build it he found that his scraper needed repairing, and before he got it ready for use, the cold weather came, and it was not done. That is the reason so much money remains unexpended. We thought it better to pay the money into the Highway Department of the town, than to private individuals. There have been 49 interments in Vernon Grove Cemetery during the past year. The trustees recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the use of Vernon Grove Cemetery the ensuing year.

The terms of the Committee expire as follows :

H. C. Skinner and John M. Wood, 1886 ; George L. Maynard and Henry J. Bailey, 1887 ; Leonard Fairbanks and Isaac N. Crosby, 1888.

HENRY C. SKINNER, Sec'y.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF MILFORD,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1885-86.



MILFORD, MASS.:

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1885-'86.

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CHAS. E. WHITNEY,	. . .	Term Expires 1886.
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,	. . .	“ “ 1886.
CHAS. MACKIN,	. . .	“ “ 1887.
LOWELL E. FALES,	. . .	“ “ 1887.
GEORGE G. PARKER,	. . .	“ “ 1888.
GEORGE E. STACY,	. . .	“ “ 1888.

### ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE G. PARKER, Chairman.

LOWELL E. FALES, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

WILLARD T. LEONARD.

### *SUB-COMMITTEES :*

RULES AND REGULATIONS,

LOWELL E. FALES, CHARLES MACKIN,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TEACHERS AND EXAMINATIONS,

JOSEPH F. HICKEY, GEORGE E. STACY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

REPAIRS,

CHARLES MACKIN, CHARLES E. WHITNEY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES,

LOWELL E. FALES, GEORGE G. PARKER,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

FUEL,

CHARLES E. WHITNEY, JOSEPH F. HICKEY.



# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1886.

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The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report;

The Public Schools of the Town have enjoyed a year of uninterrupted prosperity and success. Few changes have been made in the roll of teachers, and all have labored with their usual fidelity. Mr. Wm. E. Hatch, declining further services as Superintendent, Mr. W. T. Leonard, of Fall River, was elected to that office, and began his duties at the opening of the schools, at the close of the summer vacation. It was apparent that his experience as principal of a large High School in the city of Fall River, together with his mature and practical knowledge of the management of schools and with such business transactions as are requisite, eminently fitted him for the position.

In all these respects he has met our highest expectations, and under his supervision we feel that our schools are in safe and prudent hands.

For the most part our school accommodations are ample, comfortable and convenient.

Almost the only exception is in regard to the Old Town House Building. It is time the schools were removed from this locality. At present there are no school rooms where the pupils attending

these schools can be accommodated, without compelling them to go to an unreasonable distance.

They number about one hundred and twenty, residing in the vicinity of the schools they now attend.

The Committee are forced to the conclusion that a new Primary School Building is now required in the vicinity of Memorial Hall. How soon the Town will make the needed appropriations, must be left to the citizens themselves to decide.

The system of Free Text Books and Supplies has given complete satisfaction. Books have been carefully used, well preserved, and are furnished at a cost less than they could be if purchased for the pupils individually. It is true, it adds to the labor of the Superintendent and teachers, but they have cheerfully performed this new duty. The cost on this account the past year has been about \$1,450

Under the arrangement made by the Town, the Committee and Superintendent have occupied the room assigned in Memorial Hall. However the case may have been formerly, it has now become a necessity that the Superintendent should have some suitable place for his headquarters, where, in addition to the ordinary meetings of teachers and committee, he can store and distribute to pupils and teachers the books and other school supplies required under the present law. These are purchased in quantities to ensure the lowest price and meet the constant requirements of the schools. The expense of the rooms heretofore, including fuel, has been about \$150 annually.

Such accommodations are afforded in Memorial Hall Building, at a saving of considerable importance to the Town.

More complete and detailed information as to the condition and expenses of the schools, will be found in the reports of the Superintendent and Secretary of the Board, which are hereto appended and approved.

And we would especially commend to the attention of the people the remarks of the Superintendent in regard to the introduction of music in our public schools. If the plan is adopted, an additional appropriation will be required,

The Committee recommend the following appropriations :

Superintendent and Teachers.....	\$18,500
Fuel.....	1,300
Repairs.....	1,500
Incidentals.....	1,100
Text Books and Supplies.....	1,400
Care of Houses.....	1,100
Evening School.....	500

GEORGE G. PARKER,  
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,  
CHARLES E. WHITNEY,  
CHARLES MACKIN,  
LOWELL E. FALES,  
GEORGE E. STACY,  
COMMITTEE.



## REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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The account herewith submitted, includes all bills contracted during the year, from Feb. 1, 1885, to Feb. 1, 1886, or left over from previous years, so far as known. Under the head of evening school, I have included only the expense of teaching, as text-books were supplied and charged to it last year sufficient to supply its needs the present season, and the incidentals supplied were of small amount, except that of fuel, which was taken from the general supply on hand at the Clafin building. For a more accurate statement of the running expenses of the schools, see Superintendent's report. Owing to the small number of scholars in attendance during the present Winter, we have been able to dispense with one of the teachers, thus greatly diminishing the running expenses of the school. It is a matter of great regret that those who could derive so many and great advantages from the school, have manifested so little interest as to make this reduction in teachers necessary.

The text-book and fuel accounts have greatly exceeded the appropriations. These are two appropriations absolutely necessary for the existence of the schools; and as the town does not expect or desire that they shall be closed when these appropriations are exhausted, the wisdom of making them less than are known will be required may be questioned.

During the year the Park, North Purchase, Grammar, High, West Street, Chapin Street, Fountain Street, North Grammar and City school houses have been thoroughly painted on the outside; most of these buildings also received a coat of paint the year before, and are now in condition to last several years without being repainted. New floors have been laid at Silver Hill and Fountain Street houses, and the repairs on the North Purchase Primary

building, contemplated when the appropriation was made, have been completed.

Our appropriations have received a slight increase the past year from tuitions received from scholars residing out of town attending the High school. As the teachers assert that the attendance of a limited number of such pupils does not increase their own labors, lower the standard of the school or lessen the advantages our own scholars derive therefrom, it would seem proper that the money so received should be set apart to be expended for the special benefit of the High school in the purchase of apparatus, books of reference, etc., of which it is sadly in need.

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### APPROPRIATIONS.

Teachers and Supt.....	\$17500 00
Care of school houses.....	1300 00
Fuel.....	1100 00
Evening school.....	500 00
Incidentals .....	1000 00
Repairs .....	2000 00
Text books and supplies.....	700 00
Dog tax, one-half.....	299 43½
State school fund.....	97 42
Received from books sold at office.....	83 24
Tuitions from out of town scholars.....	154 40
Evening school forfeit money.....	4 00
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	\$24,738 49½

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### EXPENSES.

Salaries of teachers.....	\$16468 24
Salaries of superintendents.....	1673 44
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	\$18,141 68
Appropriation .....	\$17,500 00
Exceeded appropriation.....	641 68
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	\$18,141 68

Care of school houses.....	\$1074 45
Unexpended.....	225 55
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	\$1300 00
Appropriation.....	\$1300.

## FUEL.

Barney & Son, wood and kindlings.....	\$40 51
L. A. Cook, coal.....	138 66
Field Bros., “.....	1192 98
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	\$1372 15
Appropriation.....	\$1100 00
Exceeded appropriation.....	272 15
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	\$1372 15

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Text books and supplies.....	\$1451 52
Appropriation.....	\$700 00
Exceeded appropriation.....	751 52
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	\$1451 52

## EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening school.....	218 00
Unexpended.....	282 00
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	\$500 00
Appropriation.....	\$500 00

## REPAIRS.

A. H. Andrews & Co., desks for High school.....	\$339 75
James Bergin, putting down desk and general repairs.....	120 17
Chas. Bryant, repairing slate on roof.....	20 61
E. C. Claffin, paint.....	32 25
Dexter Bros., paint.....	23 03
Henry McElwin, repairing blackboards.....	78 25



Field Bros., lumber.....	\$3 34
Jerome Marble, paint.....	212 00
James M. Newhall, painting.....	205 80
Fred Swasey, supt., painting and cash paid for express..	23 90
Weed Bros. & Lent, repairs on various schoolhouses, including special repairs on North Purchase primary and new floors at Fountain Street and Silver Hill houses...	316 61
C. A. Ambler, piping for water, basins, etc.....	36 11
Bartlett & Ellis, putting in water at Park.....	58 73
Daniel Connors, grading yard at No. Purchase primary..	12 00
Craige & Severance, repairing steam apparatus.....	30 00
Eldredge & Beattley, painting and glazing.....	6 51
Milford Water Co., water connections at Chapin Street, Park and Claflin schools.....	104 50
T. E. Morse, painting and glazing.....	40 40
A. S. Pickering, repairing chimneys.....	2 50
S. J. Smith, repairing lightning rods.....	23 00
Frances F. Taft, labor at Hopedale.....	20 63
Ralph Varnum, labor and materials.....	6 27
C. A. Hoyt, plumbing.....	22 95
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	\$1739 31
Unexpended .....	260 69
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	\$2000 00
Appropriation.....	\$2000.

#### INCIDENTALS.

C. A. Ambler & Co., brooms, brushes, etc.....	\$10 44
G. M. Billings, cards, envelopes and printing.....	72 75
Bartlett & Ellis, hardware, etc.....	8 22
Z. E. Ball, removing ashes at high school.....	1 25
John E. Burke, cleaning school houses .....	25 25
Milford Music Hall, graduation.....	29 15
Michael Casey, use of well at Plains .....	5 00
Cook & Sons, printing, paper, etc.....	106 35
Michael Costello, use of well, Bear Hill.....	3 00

T. F. Davoren, truant officer .....	\$50 00
R. C. Eldridge, cleaning clocks .....	1 50
G. T. Fales & Co., ribbon, graduation .....	3 18
L. E. Fales, postage, etc .....	8 68
W. E. Hatch, cleaning schoolhouses .....	160 12
W. E. Hatch, sundry expenses .....	47 38
G. O. Hatch, use of well at Hopedale .....	5 00
J. W. Harris, brooms, brushes, repairing stoves, etc....	72 42
J. W. Harris, use of chairs at graduation .....	2 00
Hopedale Machine Co., washers .....	35
G. C. Hudson, freight....	60
J. F. Hickey, shades, etc .....	8 08
Wm. Kelley, labor on school yard .....	3 50
H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas .....	10 00
W. T. Leonard, sundry expenses .....	52 57
H. W. Lull, programs, graduation .....	12 00
H. W. Lull, cleaning school room .....	2 85
John Madden, use of well, West street .....	5 00
John McEnany, labor at Park school yard .....	1 00
Milford Water Co., water rent .....	51 59
Milford Savings Bank, rent of Superintendent's office...	114 60
Milford Gas Light Co., gas .....	49 75
N. E. Publishing Co., advertisement .....	2 80
O. B. Parkhurst, use of well, Old Town House .....	5 00
G. A. Sherborne, teaming, etc .....	\$10 75
Times Publishing Co., printing .....	3 00
G. H. Whittemore, repairing clocks .....	1 25
Mrs. C. E. Whitney, music, graduation...	3 00
John Taft, mason work .....	9 20
C. W. Wilcox, repairing clocks .....	2 25
C. F. Wight, tuning piano, etc .....	5 00
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	\$965 83
Unexpended .....	34 17
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	\$1000 00
Appropriation .....	\$1000 00

## RECEIPTS.

Received from Town Treasurer.....	\$24810 69
Received from tuitions .....	154 40
Received from text books sold.....	83 24
Received from evening school forfeit.....	4 00
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	\$25,052 33
Whole amount expended .....	\$24,962 94
Cash on deposit in Home Bank to credit of school department .....	89 39
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	\$25,052 33
Total appropriations .....	\$24,738 49½
Exceeded total appropriations.....	\$224 44½
	L. E. FALES, Secretary.

MILFORD, Feb. 15, 1886.

At a meeting of the school committee, held this evening, it was voted to adopt the report of the superintendent as a part of the report of the school committee.

L. E. FALES, Secretary.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT.

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To the school committee of Milford :

GENTLEMEN : In conformity with the requirement of your regulations, I respectfully submit the following as my first annual report. It is the ninth of the superintendent of public schools, and covers the time from Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1885.

I cannot speak in too high terms of the cordiality with which I have been received by the teachers in the exercise of the duties of my office. Frequent visits and careful inspection have convinced me of their earnest endeavors to do the best work, and of their hearty co-operation in whatever will tend to improve the schools.

Recognizing the important truth that in education progress must be slow, we have sometimes refrained from making changes, rather than run the risk of attempting a reform that time might show to have been premature and imperfect. The changes that have been made are neither many in number nor revolutionary in character ; others will be suggested as occasion may require and experience demonstrate their usefulness.

The general statistics are given at this point ; the detailed tables are placed in the appendix.



## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

## I. POPULATION.

Population of Milford, census of 1880 .....	9310
Population of Milford, State census of 1885 .....	9343
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, residing in Milford, May, 1885 .....	1711
Increase from report of 1884 .....	1

## II. SCHOOL HOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied .....	19
Number of buildings not occupied .....	1
Number of rooms occupied .....	44
Number of rooms not occupied .....	5
Number of Sitzings :—High School .....	171
Grammar schools, Grades I—IV .....	713
Primary schools, Grades V—VIII .....	1094
Ungraded schools .....	214
Total .....	2192

## III. SCHOOLS.

High School .....	1
Grammar Schools .....	13
Primary Schools .....	17
Ungraded Schools .....	6
Evening School .....	1
Total .....	— 38

## IV. TEACHERS.

High School, male teachers .....	2
High School, female teachers .....	3
	— 5
Grammar School, male .....	1
Grammar School, female teachers .....	12
	— 13
Primary School, female teachers .....	17
Ungraded School, female teacher .....	6

Drawing teacher, two days each week .....	1
Substitute and assistant teachers, under half-pay .....	2
Evening Schoool: male 1, female 1 .....	2
	—
Total number of different teachers employed .....	44
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of the Milford High School .....	33
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of a normal school or college .....	17
Number of teachers employed who have attended college, normal, or training school .....	32
Number of cases of tardiness on part of teachers* .....	98
Number of half day's absence of teachers .....	77

## V. PUPILS.

Number of children, between 5 and 15, May, 1885 .....	1711
Increase .....	1
Whole number of pupils registered in day schools .....	1727
Decrease† .....	111
Number of pupils registered between 5 and 8 years of age	502
8 and 14 “	935
14 and 15 “	132
15 and 16 “	71
over 16 “	88
Total .....	—1728
Average number of pupils belonging to day schools .....	1325
Average daily attendance at day schools .....	1235
Average per cent. of attendance to number belonging ..	93.2
Number of half day's absence .....	40573
Number of cases of tardiness .....	2757
Number of cases of dismissal .....	1501
Number of cases of truancy .....	96
Total enrollment evening schools .....	34
Average number belonging .....	20

\*Teachers are marked tardy unless they are present twenty minutes *before* nine o'clock.

†The most of this decrease is due to the custom in former years of counting the entering class in the High School as enrolled both in the Grammar and the High Schools.

Average nightly attendance.....	17
Per cent. of attendance .....	85

## VI. FINANCIAL.

Ordinary expenses of the school.....	\$21,704	28
Repairs of schoolhouses and general improvements....	1,804	54
Expenditures for books, supplies, etc.....	1,454	12

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Total expenditures for the year.....	\$24,962	94
Value of new books, etc., on hand, Feb. 1, 1885.....	835	62
Value of new books, etc., on hand, Feb. 1. 1886.....	600	42
Received for books, etc., sold at office.....	83	24
Net cost of books and supplies to the town.....	1,606	08
Net cost of the schools to the town.....	24,514	48
Average cost per pupil, based on whole enrollment, and including ordinary expense, text books, supplies and repairs.....	14	19
Average cost per pupil, based on average number be- longing, and including the same items of expense.	18	50
Average cost per pupil, based on average daily attend- ance.....	19	85
Cost of Evening school.....	331	55
Average per pupil, based on average number belonging.	16	58

## EXPENDITURES.

By reference to the General Statistics, it will be seen that the total expenditures for the year were \$24,962.94 ; deducting the value of books and supplies on hand and cost of books sold, and adding the difference between the value of books on hand Feb. 1, 1885, and Feb. 1, 1886, leaves \$24,514.48—the net cost of the schools to the town. The expense per pupil, based on the whole enrollment, is \$14.19 ; based on the average number belonging, \$18.50. In 1884, these items were 15.62, and \$19.54 respectively.

By reference to the itemized report of the cost of each school, found in the Appendix, it will be seen that the ungraded suburban schools are the most expensive per scholar, and at the same time the advantages to the pupils are less than in the large graded schools.

Reason and policy, therefore, both urge us to consolidate these schools, so far as it is practicable. At the present time two of these schools may thus be dispensed with, to the benefit of the pupils and a saving to the town. These figures also show the economy with which our schools are carried on. The cost is much less than that of other towns of its size in the State; still, as this is effected by keeping the pay of the teachers at a point which constantly subjects the town to the loss of its best teachers, it is more than doubtful if such is a wise course.

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### EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

“The world advances and in time outgrows the ways  
That in our fathers’ time was best.”

This is clearly seen to be true in educational matters, if we compare the methods of the present with those of only a few years ago. Unless some one desiring a cheap notoriety endeavors to create a sensation by a general overturn of existing affairs, but little change is noticed from year to year. But when we look back over the course, we see the advance that has been made. Formerly, it was an epoch in a child’s life when he first took pen in hand to write, but now the third year in school finds him busy with pen and ink. His writing will compare quite favorably with that of the average person, for he has had already two years’ practice with slate and paper, while most of his reading has been that of script from the board. He has been taught to hold his slate pencil, as well as his lead pencil, exactly as he would a pen; he is familiar with the slant and form of the letters; he has been taught position, so that now he has his attention directed only to the ink in doing what he has done many times before with pencil.

In number, the advance is very marked, especially in the lower grades. The essential features of the Grube method are in successful operation in our primary rooms. By this method the four fundamental rules, together with fractions, are taught simultaneously. The pupil learns all possible combinations with each number before proceeding to the next. The numbers from one to ten, with combinations and many practical examples, furnish ample



work for the first year. Thus with no book, by easy stages, the skilful primary teacher inducts her class into the mysteries of number, and lays a sure foundation for the future successful pursuit of the science. The same general method is continued during the next year, and the primary school finds the pupil well started in written arithmetic. The higher books of the series are free from puzzles and catches, and have an air of practicability quite unknown in the books of only a few years ago. Yet even now many subjects may profitably be omitted, and others treated only in a general way.

Technical grammar, as such, is fast passing from our sight. The time formerly devoted to "parsing" is now much more profitably devoted to language and composition—the correct use of the English tongue, whether in writing or speaking. To this end, the child, from his entrance into the school, is constantly exercised in oral composition. He is encouraged to talk. His imagination is quickened by objects and pictures, by illustration and story, and his power of expression carefully cultivated. As soon as practicable, the oral exercise is transferred to slate and paper, and he rapidly advances to the continued narrative or composition.

In nothing is the progressive tendency of the age more clearly seen, than in the method of teaching reading. It has been logically demonstrated that the principle underlying the process of teaching the alphabet, is a false one. It has been proved that the process involves a waste of time and effort, as well as a loss of mental power. Repeated experiments have shown that the word method is much richer in results. This method makes the thought the important thing. Language is the medium through which we communicate our thoughts. A thought expressed in words forms a sentence. Words are used only as furnishing the ideas which enter into the thought, and consequently as forming parts of a sentence.

The work of the teacher of the lowest grade is developing thought in the mind of the pupil, and calling out the correct expression of that thought in a complete sentence. No word is taught until the thought it represents is fully understood; and when that is done, repetition makes the word as familiar as the object. At this stage, books are not needed; the blackboard is the great talis-

man, while pictures serve an important purpose. In every case, let the object or its representation be seen. That teacher possesses a wonderful power who can quickly and accurately represent in a drawing the particular thing desired. As the object assumes a recognizable form beneath her skilful hands, imagination is kindled and the thought finds expression from the group of eager pupils. The scholars soon learn to copy the words used upon their ruled slates, and combine them into short stories. Thus the development of the idea and its oral and written expression go hand in hand. In this way, the pupil has in a few months a vocabulary of several hundred words which he thoroughly understands, and can combine at will into sentences. Thus, by a natural and rational method, the child has learned to read, and when the books are taken he finds no difficulty in applying the oral expression to the printed symbols of ideas already known. In easy stages the child is carried through two or more primers during the first year, the teacher in every instance developing the thought suggested by a new word. The same method is pursued through all the primary grades. The classes come to the recitation without having seen the lesson, eager to read a new story. What by the old way was an irksome task has become a delight, while the practical results have been largely increased. In the higher grades the same general principle is pursued, but in these the dictionary and the library supply the definition of the teacher. Nor is the labor of the teacher lessened. The skilled instructor knows the need of the most careful preparation here, in order to avoid vagueness and superficiality.

While they are thus striving to create an appetite for books, they should not be less careful to direct it to health-giving food. The pupils of our schools can have but a small amount of time for general reading, if they do their full duty by the studies required. That this time may be improved as it ought to be, they must be directed by their teachers to the best books, for, at first, they will not have sufficient judgment to select for themselves. The indiscriminate reading of many books is not only undesirable but highly pernicious, while the reading of really good books may easily be carried to excess. Few books, well digested, are far better than many not assimilated.

## STATUTE LAWS.

The Legislature of 1885 passed the following act: An act to prevent the spread of Contagious Diseases through the public schools.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended, so that it shall read as follows : The school committees shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person ; and any person coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate, from the attending physician, or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation.—(Approved April 29, '85.

The above is of special interest to all, for nothing that jeopardizes the lives or health of our children, should be allowed to exist for a moment. All also should be equally interested in the impartial enforcement of all laws or regulations adopted for the best interests of our people. Since a few people questioned the action of the committee in enforcing the vaccination law, I quote the statute, that all may see how imperative it is, as well as the penalty for non-compliance. Chapter 47, section 9, of the Revised Statutes, reads as follows :—

The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated, to be admitted to, or connected with, the public schools.

In this connection the following may be of interest. Chapter 80, section 51, reads as follows :

“Parents and guardians shall cause their children and wards to be vaccinated before they attain the age of two years, and re-vaccinated when the selectmen or mayor and aldermen shall, after five years from the last vaccination, require it. For every year's neglect, the party offending shall forfeit five dollars.”

Our schools have suffered severely during the past year from contagious diseases, and I desire to call the attention of our citizens to this very important subject.



## FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The following is the statute in regard to free text-books and supplies in public schools :

Section I. The school committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of such city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools, and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools, free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations, as to care and custody, as the school committee may prescribe.

Section II. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this act, shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.

Section III. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

The town, at its regular meeting in March, 1884, as stated in a previous report, anticipated the passage of the law by making an appropriation of \$1500 to meet the required expense. This appropriation proved far too small, and \$4872 were expended for books and supplies. In March of last year, \$700 were appropriated. This also proved inadequate, and \$1454.12 have been expended. Probably the discrepancy was caused in part by Section II of above law. When the free text-books were first given out, many had books of their own, and so were passed by in the distribution. Now the supply of home books is exhausted, and all receive the town books. Many of the books, especially the expensive ones of the High School, may reasonably be expected to last ten years or more, while stationery, drawing and writing books, etc., must be furnished each pupil and be constantly renewed. Thus an amount must be appropriated each year to keep the supply good and furnish perishable material. I should judge that \$.75 per pupil would be required the next year for this purpose, and that the annual amount would not vary far from that sum. The advantages of this system are many, and are thoroughly appreciated by both pupils and teachers, while thoughtful parents are more than satisfied. Those cities which have longest enjoyed its benefits are the most enthusiastic in its support.

## PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

The last Legislature passed the following act in regard to Physiology and Hygiene :



Chap. 332, Sect. 1. Physiology and Hygiene which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies. All acts, or parts of acts, relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools, shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SEC. 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law, shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in section one.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

The above was approved June 16, and consequently was in force when the schools began in September.

The general introduction of the study of Physiology and Hygiene into the public schools, by this positive statutory requirement, will have a beneficial and far-reaching effect. Men have long been awake to the moral turpitude involved in the use of alcohol and narcotics, but the physical effects are hardly less disastrous. Aside from the benefits to be derived from the general diffusion of information on this subject, special reference to which the statute requires, there is scarcely any subject of instruction in the schools in relation to which thorough and accurate knowledge can be of greater practical value in its uses and bearings upon the every-day life of the people, than this. In carrying out the requirements of the above law, the Committee have placed in the hands of every teacher a judicious text-book on the subject, and oral instruction is given in every grade. Another admirable work is in use as a reading book in the Evening School, and is intended to be used as a supplementary reader in certain grammar grades. From the interest manifested by both teachers and scholars, most satisfactory results may confidently be expected.

### ATTENDANCE.

This must always be a matter of interest in considering schools. Even moderate success is hardly possible, unless a good attendance is secured. Some of our teachers exhibit particular proficiency in

securing this, both by their zealous work in the schools and by their personal efforts with individual pupils and parents. Teachers who have never thought especially on these points, are not aware how much power they have in increasing the attendance and raising the standard of the room. Of course a great deal of the absence is really necessary, and of this no teacher will complain; but probably one-half is due to indifference, parents not realizing the disastrous results. Punctual and regular attendance is of first importance, if we would have the children form good habits and receive the benefits, in a disciplinary and educational point of view, which the schools are prepared to give. The late Azriel Parish, for many years superintendent at New Haven, has stated these evils so forcibly and fully, that I quote them for the consideration of our citizens :

1. "In school, the absence of a pupil entails absolute loss of opportunity which can never be recovered. The day, with all the possible advantages it offers at the beginning, can neither be recalled nor repeated when past.

2. The boy who learns to feel that he may neglect his duties as a scholar, for trivial causes, for causes equally trivial will neglect his business when a man.

3. The absence of a pupil from school to-day makes the loss of lessons to-morrow inevitable, because he does not know what the lessons of to-morrow are to be; nor would he find time to learn them if he did. Hence, one absence involves a two-fold loss.

4. Many explanations are made by the teacher, clearing up difficulties to the pupils in relation to their lessons, which can never be repeated. A total loss.

5. The absent scholar becomes interested in objects outside of school, and, losing familiarity with school work, the incentive for study is lost. His efforts become weak, his desire to excel diminishes, to be absent increases, and the transition to truancy is easy.

6. On his return after absence, he interrupts the exercises of the school, and hinders the teacher in finding what are his lessons for the day.

7. Having lost the lesson recited yesterday, he does not understand that portion of to-day's lesson which depends on that of yesterday. Such dependence usually exists.

8. The time and the patience of the teacher are taxed in repeating to him the instructions of yesterday, which, for want of previous study, he does not comprehend.

9. The time thus employed in an attempt to explain is unjustly taken from pupils who were punctual in their attendance. The rest of the class are deprived of their teacher's service while teaching the delinquent.

10. The progress of the class is checked and their ambition curbed, while waiting for the absentee to make up his loss. Their progress is like that of a heavily handicapped race-boat.

11. The time of the teacher is wasted in making a record of the absence, in securing the delinquent's excuse, and ascertaining the cause of the absence.

12. The reputation both of the teacher and school suffers when the results of the examination are announced, on account of failure, chargeable to absence rather than to defective instruction.

13. A large portion of the means generously provided for the education of all the children, and for which the community is taxed, is sadly misapplied."

## MUSIC.

This subject seems to demand of us special attention. The educational value of music, and more particularly vocal music, has been universally conceded by both theoretical and practical educators, as well as by statesmen and philanthropists. Its advantages are many and great and are shared by all. The existence of an individual having a natural incapacity for learning music, there is good reason to assert, is almost as rare as that of an individual who is born deaf and dumb. It enlivens the tediousness of a close application to study and the drill of the class room. It cultivates habits of order, obedience, and union. It is highly beneficial to the physical nature, while as a means of mental discipline it has no superior. By cultivating the ear and voice, it is a powerful auxiliary to distinct articulation and correct enunciation in reading. Says Dr. Dwight: "Music is an important element of modern culture, a refining social influence, a subject about which few cultivated persons now-a-days are willing to be thought ignorant or indifferent, an art which in one way or another actually interests more thousands of people, more occupies their thoughts, more ministers to their enjoyment than any science or than most branches of literature and learning."

If we seek that which is practical, the claims of music cannot



be overlooked. In this connection, I quote from a late report of the Lowell committee on music: "To some of us, it seems strange that the utility of the study of music in our public schools, should ever be questioned. It is simply another aspect of the endless debate regarding the meaning attached to the word practical, concerning which argument seems useless. 'Teach the children substantial facts,' it is said; 'therein is power.' True, but what is power? The spiritual and emotional natures of children have an economy of their own, which cannot with impunity be neglected. The power of song is older, and just as real, as that of the 'three R's,' and because its influence is elevating, will outlast them all. There are facts which do not relate exclusively to the senses, and there are practical things which belong to such facts. Those studies which inspire grand ideas and awaken beautiful sentiments, prominent among which is music, are as practical as those which teach to wield the pick-axe or to build a cotton-mill. The fallacy lies in applying the test to only one side of the question. The thought of DeQuincey is appropriate here. Speaking of aesthetic studies, he says: "What we owe to them is power; that is, exercise and expansion to our own latent capacity of sympathy with the infinite, where every pulse and each separate influx is a step upward,—a step ascending, as upon a Jacob's ladder, from earth to mysterious altitude above the earth.'" That course of study is the best which provides for the training of all the faculties. Hence, school work should be arranged with reference not only to the actual amount of useful knowledge to be imparted, but to the physical, mental and moral discipline of the student, and for these, as well as many other reasons, music should be introduced into our public schools. This has been frequently urged by those most conversant with the needs of the schools, and it is to be hoped that the town, so judicious in other respects, will no longer neglect so important an interest.

#### DRAWING.

Drawing, which had been pursued for nearly two years with varying success, received a new impulse on the appointment of Miss Evelyn Wires, who brought to her difficult task enthusiasm and tact combined with the most thorough preparation for her work. The



results have been commensurate with the time and efforts employed. What has been heretofore an experiment is now an assured success, and has become a public necessity. Miss Wires resigned at the close of the year, in order to devote herself more closely to her loved art than her duties permitted. Encouraged by the success of the past, it was thought best to make still greater efforts. While before only two days' time had been used, it was decided to employ a teacher on full time, and Miss Emma F. Smith, of the Normal Art School, was chosen and has entered upon her duties. In addition to her work in the class room, Miss Smith meets in grade meetings the teachers, who are manifesting great interest in this important subject. We confidently predict that the success of the past will be more than realized in that of the future.

### MORALS.

By moral instruction we have no reference to distinctively religious teaching, which has no place in our public schools. The reading of the Bible, without note or comment, as the law requires, can hardly be called moral instruction. No matter how beautiful the passage, how noble the sentiment, the teachers are not permitted to call the attention of the pupils to it. How then shall this important subject be taught? Many contend that no special time should be set apart for this work, that morals should be taught incidentally, as occasion arises—that the incidents of school life furnish sufficient opportunity to inculcate the great moral principles which underlie good and virtuous conduct. Others desire to have, in addition to the "occasional" lesson, a definite time and system in the instruction. All agree that the subject is of first importance. Teachers soon find that abstract talks on goodness, kindness, etc., become burdensome to themselves and distasteful to the pupils. A method which has proved of great interest and profit is to store the mind of the pupil with selections containing grand and ennobling thoughts clothed in beautiful language—thoughts that inculcate virtue, patriotism, love of God, kindness to dumb animals, and that give correct rules of life. But more is expected of them, and by conscientious teachers more is secured, than the simple memorizing of moral sentiments. Not only is the meaning of the passage

clearly brought out, but it is made the basis of an appropriate talk to the children, fixing in their minds the truth desired.

Closely allied to the above, is the subject of manners. If we have departed from the puritanical standard in morals, our manners would be expected to furnish proof of the fact. Nor are they looking in the right direction who decry the brusqueness of our school boys, and who lament the prevalence of the "American" standard of propriety when they attribute this to the teaching of our free schools. The schools cannot be held responsible for the tendency of the age and the drift of public opinion. Our teachers strive to impress the principles of good conduct by precept and example, by anecdote and story. A text-book on this subject has been introduced, to serve as a basis for systematic instruction, and from which good results may be expected. Principle and policy both urge to this undertaking, for the conscientious teacher not only confers a great benefit upon her pupils in the cultivation of their moral sentiments and in training them to good behavior, but she also accomplishes more for them intellectually, and with less effort on her part than she would have accomplished by attending exclusively to their intellectual training. Still it is true that a fountain cannot rise higher than its head, and since children reflect the life of the home, marked improvements cannot be looked for unless the teachers efforts are seconded by sound parental advice and co-operation.

## EXAMINATIONS AND PER CENTS.

This subject is of importance to school-officers, teachers and pupils. The results obtained by marked written examinations upon every subject possible, are proving unsatisfactory. The per cents. obtained are high enough—too high in fact—but the methods employed deserve strong condemnation. They furnish ground for the charge of pressure and cramming; they lead to narrow, routine teaching; they offer an inducement to resort to questionable expedients and pernicious methods; a tendency to overestimate on the part of the teacher, a feeling of satisfaction at the high mark on the part of the pupil, which prevents greater effort, coupled with a

certain contempt for that which is so easily obtained. Besides the best teaching cannot be fully expressed in per cents., nor do the best teachers obtain the highest marks. Closely connected with this is the subject of promotions. Between 80 and 90 per cent. of the average class in our schools are prepared for the next higher grade. Where more than that number are recommended, it is usually due to the evils mentioned above. The exception is where both teacher and pupil have voluntarily devoted much time each week out of school hours to special work—usually as thankless a task to the teacher as unjust to the pupil and the rest of the school. So long as teachers are judged by the community by the per cents. obtained and so long as parents insist upon sacrificing the best interests of the child to pride of class, these evils may be expected. This whole subject merits careful consideration on the part of the schools and the community.

### COMPARISONS.

While the action of other towns in educational matters is not necessarily a guide to us, the knowledge of how we stand, comparatively, may not be uninteresting, and may occasion satisfaction or regret, as the case may be. From the full returns we learn that the average length of the schools of the State has been 36 weeks. This is the highest average ever reached in Massachusetts. In this respect Milford is a little above the average, though probably not up to that of the cities and towns of its size. In the table showing the comparative amount of money appropriated for the education of each child by the different towns of the State, Milford stands 135 in a list of 346—a very creditable rank. In the county, by the same showing, Milford stands 18 in a list of 58. In the table in which all the towns of the State are numerically arranged according to the percentages of their taxable property appropriated to the support of public schools, Milford stands 115 in a list of 346. In the table of average attendance, Milford stands 154. The last year will give a worse showing, because of the unusual prevalence and severity of contagious diseases. This shows that if the year was an average one in health, that the town is more willing to vote



money than as individuals to take that personal interest which secures the attendance of each child, and which recognizes as a positive loss, both to himself and others, his every absence. It need not be said that this indifference is most shown by those most in need of the advantages which they reject so thoughtlessly.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND YARDS.

The past year has witnessed marked improvements in many school buildings and grounds. The High School buildings and fences have been painted, the main room frescoed and adorned. New desks of improved form have been provided. So that now the accommodations more nearly correspond with the high character of the instruction there enjoyed.

The difficulty of getting good water at several of the schools, has continued to be a source of considerable annoyance. This has been remedied in part by the introduction of city water at Chapin street, the Park, and the Clafin buildings, and should be followed by its introduction into all the schools within reach of the mains.

At the Silver Hill and the Fountain Street school buildings new floors have been laid, the rear platforms removed, the seats re-arranged and the rooms much improved. The North Purchase Primary building received the attention so much needed and which was recommended in the last report. The following school houses and fences have been painted during the year : Chapin Street, City, Fountain street, High, North Purchase, Grammar, Park, Plains and West Street.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a suitable building for primary scholars be erected on the lot in the rear of Memorial Hall, thus dispensing with the objectionable Town House rooms, or

2. That the smaller school building at the Plains be moved and placed upon the lot above-named or some other convenient place north and west of said lot, and that the primary district lines be changed to meet the new requirements.

3. That the walks at South Grammar, North Grammar and Park be concreted.

4. That one truant officer be employed at a suitable salary,

while one may receive a nominal sum if the law so requires, and that he be required to perform *all* the duties pertaining to his office.

5. That the school at Silver Hill be discontinued, and the scholars distributed among the most convenient schools. That suitable conveyance to the Plains be provided the pupils of Deer Brook, thus furnishing increased advantages to the scholars at a large saving of money to the town.

6. That the basement of the Park school house be prepared as a store house and repair shop for school furniture, and that all damaged furniture and odd pieces be collected there from the different school buildings and properly cared for and used as occasion shall require.

## CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

### TEACHERS APPOINTED DURING THE YEAR.

Miss Carrie J. Wentworth, Claflin 2, January.

Miss Minnie Moriarty, South Milford, February.

Miss Cora A. Rollins, Hopedale 1, February.

Miss Mary T. Kirby, West Street 2, April.

Miss Agnes E. Sullivan, North Purchase Grammar, April.

Mr. Arthur N. Winslow, Hopedale 1, May.

Miss Gay, South Grammar 2, May.

Miss Jennie L. Devine, Bear Hill, July.

Miss Nellie F. Gorman, City, July.

Miss E. Leslie Baldwin, Park 4, July.

Miss Josie E. Travis, Park 2, July.

Mr. A. L. Hodges, High School, July.

Miss A. O. Cheney, Silver Hill, Sept.

Miss Lizzie F. Toomey, Hopedale 3, Sept.

Mr. A. L. Hodges, Evening, October.

Miss M. E. Cochran, Evening, October.

### TRANSFERS.

Miss Ellen B. Prime, West street 2 to Park 4, April.

Miss Cora A. Rollins, Hopedale 1 to Park 2, May.

Miss Cora A. Rollins, Park 2 to Hopedale 1, June.

Miss Mary J. Kelly, Hopedale 3 to Claflin 3, July.

Miss Lizzie Madden, City to South Milford, July.

Miss C. J. Wentworth, Claflin 2 to Hopedale 2, September.

As a whole, our teachers are devoted to their work ; our scholars studious and obedient ; our schools in good condition, quietly advancing the great work which they are designed to accomplish.

If our citizens can feel that the increased advantages so generously provided result in a nobler manhood and womanhood, if honor, truth, and integrity are made equal factors with intellect and culture in the education given, then will our schools receive that moral support and hearty sympathy without which their best efforts are but little short of failure.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLARD T. LEONARD,  
Superintendent of Schools.



# APPENDIX.

TABLE I.  
ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS FROM JAN. 1, 1885, TO JAN. 1, 1886.

SCHOOLS.	Grade.	Total Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance to No. Belonging.	No. of Half Day Absences.	No. Cases of Tardiness.	No. Cases of Dismissals.	No. Cases of Corporal Punishment.	No. Cases of Truancy.	No. of Visits by Superintendent.	No. of Visits by Committee.	No. of Visits by Others.	TEACHERS.
HIGH.	4 Classes	165	153.2	150.6	98.3	1004	106	104	0	0	17	2	18	{ H. W. Lull, Principal, A. L. Hodges, Sub-Master, Miss M. A. Parkhurst, 1 Asst. Miss Alice C. Jones, 2 Asst. Miss A. R. Hayward, 3 Asst.
PARK GRAMMAR.	I II III IV	45 54 47 45	31.7 43.7 32.4 33.3	29.6 42.2 31.3 31.6	95.7 96.6 96.6 94.7	219 238 914 787	15 33 41 67	10 68 26 27	2 8 0 2	0	15 17 15 21	1 1 1 3	13 23 17 22	Miss M. J. Kelly, Miss J. E. Travis, Miss H. M. Broderick, Miss E. L. Baldwin.
SOUTH GRAMMAR.	I II III IV	46 41 40 42	33.8 38.2 36.5 36.5	33. 31.5 34.6 34.6	97.5 82.5 94.8 94.6	410 866 1092 810	16 74 82 101	27 65 66 119	1 0 6 1	1	18 16 12 14	1 2 1 0	13 47 17 11	Mr. E. L. Curtis, Miss C. V. Sadler, Miss E. S. Rogers, Miss M. F. Aylward.
NORTH GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.	I & II III & IV V & VI VII & VIII	38 64 54 90	27.3 43.6 41.6 56.	26.7 40.8 37.7 50.6	98. 93.6 90.8 90.5	290 1897 1258 1453	16 149 125 90	24 57 15 9	0 13 7 6	4	15 11 10 14	0 1 1 1	24 13 12 15	Miss K. E. Martin, Miss M. F. Devine, Miss S. F. Burns, Miss M. E. Cochran.
CLAFLIN PRIMARY.	V VI VII VIII	50 53 45 63	36. 44. 31. 48.	31.7 40. 26. 33.	88. 91.1 84. 76.7	1142 1932 1574 2572	226 199 106 99	87 48 40 7	0 0 2 0	6	18 16 16 18	0 0 0 1	35 23 29 50	Miss A. B. Chapin, Miss L. Smith, Miss M. J. Kelly, Miss K. Chapin.
HOPEDALE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.	I, II & III IV & V, VI to VIII	43 42 52	32.3 31.3 42.1	30.8 29. 41.	95.5 93.4 97.4	744 1010 1346	50 69 71	88 50 18	0 4 3	0	30 19 20	3 6 6	127 74 78	Miss C. A. Rollins, Miss C. Y. Wentworth, Miss L. F. Toomey.
NO. PURCHASE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.	I, II, III, IV V to VIII	55 43	33.4 31.	30.8 30.5	92. 98.4	1320 1571	90 65	37 18	5 1	6	14 8	2 1	15 3	Miss A. E. Sullivan, Miss E. O. Taylor.
TOWN HOUSE PRIMARY.	V, VI, VII, VIII	49 68	39.3 50.2	37.8 47.8	96.1 95.2	765 1229	100 74	35 38	0 3	4	20 12	1 2	95 75	Mrs. A. L. Bell, Miss J. M. Barry.

CHAPIN STREET PRIMARY.	V, VI, VII, VII	51 63	40.9 45.8	38.9 42.9	95.1 93.6	1467 2557	136 62	166 54	4 4	2 0	15 16	0 0	48 70	Miss S. E. Sheldon, Miss E. A. Devine.
WEST STREET PRIMARY.	V, VI, VII, VIII	36 43	33. 33.	30.8 30.	93.5 90.9	1121 2528	68 71	56 10	5 4	0 0	10 12	0 0	40 18	Miss K. McNamara, Miss M. T. Kirby.
HOBOKEN PRIMARY.	VII, VIII	43	31.5	30.	95.1	980	56	14	1	0	10	0	38	Miss A. T. Gleason.
FOUNTAIN STREET PRIMARY.	V to VIII	29	23.	21.7	94.2	574	34	24	0	0	8	0	35	Miss S. E. Inman.
SOUTH MILFORD. CITY.	Ungraded.	36	26.5 18.	23.6 16.	83. 89.4	1554 616	68 67	15 6	1 1	0 0	8 6	0 0	21 18	Miss L. Madden, Miss N. F. Gorman,
SILVER HILL.		12	9.	7.7	84.3	375	52	21	0	0	5	0	11	Miss A. O. Cheney,
DEER BROOK.		13	11.4	10.5	91.9	391	17	11	1	0	5	0	24	Miss A. A. Conroy,
BRAGGVILLE.		22	17.5	16.	91.4	625	38	20	3	2	5	0	7	Miss S. R. Broderick,
BEAR HILL.		24	14.7	13.6	92.5	742	24	21	0	0	7	0	7	Miss J. L. Devine.



TABLE II.

Showing the total cost of each school, the average cost per pupil from Feb 1, 1885, to Feb. 1, 1886, based on the total expenditures and the average number belonging.

SCHOOLS.	Grammar Rooms.	Primary Rooms.	Average No. Belonging.	Ave. Daily Attendance.	Cost Per Pupil.	Total Cost.	REMARKS.
High, -			153	151	\$39 60	\$ 6058 58	Four Classes.
Park, -	4		140	135	17 28	2420 18	Four Grades.
North Grammar,	2	2	169	156	13 55	2290 20	Eight Grades.
South Grammar,	4		145	134	16 08	2332 32	Four Grades.
Hopedale, -	2	1	106	101	16 91	1792 75	Eight Grades.
No. Pur. Gram.	1		33	31	17 25	569 23	Four Grades.
" " Primary		1	31	30	20 26	628 03	"
Clafin, - -		4	154	131	15 67	2412 78	"
West Street,		2	66	61	13 03	859 80	"
Old Town House,		2	90	86	10 20	918 44	"
Chapin Street,		2	87	82	10 83	942 28	"
Hoboken, -		1	32	30	12 71	406 87	Two Grades.
Fountain Street,		1	23	22	21 53	495 30	Four Grades.
South Milford,			27	24	16 18	436 84	Ungraded.
City, - -			18	16	22 00	396 04	"
Silver Hill,			9	8	36 65	329 86	"
Deer Brook,			11	10	37 35	410 85	"
Braggville,			18	16	28 60	514 88	"
Bear Hill.			15	14	27 74	416 16	"
Evening,	2		20	17	16 58	331 55	Two Classes.
Totals,	15	16	1347	1255	18 53	24962 94	

TABLE III. TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS, JANUARY, 1886.

NAMES.	GRADE.	R'S'D'CE WHEN ELEC'D	RESIDENCE.	YEAR ELECT'D	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
H. W. Lull,	High,	Manchester, N. H.	Jefferson St.	1880	\$ 1700	Harvard College.
A. L. Hodges,	"	Taunton,	Jefferson St.	1885	700	Harvard College.
Miss M. A. Parkhurst,	"	Milford,	Court Square.	1879	500	Milford H. S. and Boston Normal.
Miss Alice C. Jones,	"	Stoneham,	School St.	1883	500	Wellesley College.
Miss Alzie R. Hayward,	"	Hyde Park,	School St.	1885	500	Milford H. S. & Bridgewater Normal.
Miss M. J. Kelly,	Grammar,	Milford,	2 Claffin St.	1873	600	Milford H. S. and Training.
Miss E. Leslie Baldwin,	"	Manchester, N. H.	School St.	1885	342	Framingham Normal.
Miss H. M. Broderick,	"	Milford,	15 Pine St.	1879	306	Milford H. S. & Framingham Normal.
Miss Carrie Y. Wentworth	"	Wakefield,	24 South Bow St.	1884	306	Framingham Normal.
Miss Kate E. Martin,	"	Milford,	7 East St.	1873	600	Milford High School and Training.
Miss Mary F. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1875	342	Milford High School.
Mr. Elmer L. Curtiss,	"	Boston,	Franklin St.	1884	600	Bridgewater Normal.
Miss Carra V. Sadler,	"	Milford,	25 Pine St.	1873	342	Milford High School.
Miss Estelle S. Rogers,	"	Holliston,	58 Congress St.	1884	306	Bridgewater Normal.
Miss Mary F. Aylward,	"	Milford,	285 Main St.	1876	306	Milford High School.
Miss Cora A. Rollins,	"	"	Main St., Hoped'e.	1883	600	Milford H. S. and Lewiston Normal.
Miss Nellie Hinsley,	"	Worcester,	Church Place.	1885	270	
Miss Agnes E. Sullivan,	"	Holliston,	Silver Hill St.	1885	396	
Mrs. Anna L. Bell,	Primary,	Milford,	1 Highland Squ'e.	1869	306	Milford High School.
Miss Julia M. Barry,	"	"	Beaver St.	1877	342	Milford High School.
Miss S. Eldora Sheldon,	"	"	Fra'klin & Ches't.	1871	306	Milford High School.
Miss Ellen A. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1881	306	Milford High School.
Miss Alice B. Chapin,	"	"	174 Main St.	1863	396	Milford High School.
Miss Lillian Smith,	"	"	2 Pearl St.	1882	306	Milford H. S. & Framingham Normal.
Miss Lizzie F. Toomey,	"	"	24 Pine St.	1885	216	Milford High School.
Miss Kate Chapin,	"	"	174 Main St.	1869	306	Milford High School.
Miss M. J. Kelly,	"	"	High St.	1877	396	Milford High School.
Miss Emma O. Taylor,	"	"	Otis St.	1883	306	Milford H. S. & Framingham Normal.
Miss Kate McNamara,	"	"	Central St.	1879	303	Milford High School.
Miss Mary T. Kirby,	"	"	Pond St.	1883	306	Milford High School.
Miss Annie T. Gleason,	"	"	East St.	1882	306	Milford High School.
Miss Susan E. Inman,	"	"	Taylor St.	1868	306	Milford High School.
Miss Sarah F. Burns,	"	"	18 Beach St.	1875	306	Milford High School.
Miss Mary E. Cochran,	"	"	East Main St.	1876	306	Milford High School.
Miss Susan R. Broderick,	Suburban,	"	15 Pine St.	1878	378	Milford H. S. & Framingham Normal.
Miss Jennie L. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1884	306	Milford High School.
Miss Lizzie Madden,	"	"	West St.	1884	306	Milford High School.
Miss Agnes A. Conroy,	"	"	East St.	1884	306	Milford High School.
Miss A. O. Cheney,	"	"	Congress St.	1885	306	Milford High School.
Miss Nellie F. Gorman,	"	"	Main St.	1885	270	Milford High School.
Miss Emma F. Smith,	Drawing,	Sunderland,	No. Mechanics St.	1886	360	Normal Art School.
Miss Minnie A. Aylward,	Substitute.	Milford,	285 Main St.	1885	\$4 Per wk.	Milford High School.

TABLE IV.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

— OF THE —

MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL,

1885.

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Piano Solo. . . . .	Mrs. Charles E. Whitney
Introduction of the Class by its President, . . . .	Frank L. Fales
Chorus by the School — See Our Oars With Feathered Spray —	<i>Dr. Stevenson.</i>
The Golden Age, . . . . .	Anna M. Walker
Marmion — Canto VI,* . . . . .	Essie C. Thayer
Quotations from Cicero, Harry P. Crosby, John A. Finnigan, John F. Igoe, Peter McBride, William O. Thayer.	
The Kitchen of the Future, . . . . .	Harriet A. Smith
The Proverbial Sayings of the Aeneid,† . . . . .	Winona L. Hale
Washington Irving, as Revealed in his Sketch Book,* .	John J. O'Sullivan
Chorus by the School, "The Sailor's Song."	
The M. H. S. Herbarium of Wild Flowers (with poetical quotations), Agnes M. Burke, Alice I. Burrell, Nellie M. Conely, Mary F. Con- nolly, Theresa A. McCarten, Katie F. Tully, Mabel Waterman, Minnie Waterman.	
A Glance at Milford, . . . . .	Isabella H. Ross
"Dear, gentle, patient, noble little Nell,"* . . . .	Carrie M. Field
Some Reasons why Men are Willing to Die, . . . .	Clarence H. Morgan
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, . . . . .	Inez L. Gay
Presentation of Diplomas.	
Singing of the Class Ode — <i>Music by Naegeli.</i>	
Accompaniments by Mrs. Whitney.	

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\*Written to satisfy college requirements.

†Excused on account of health.



# GRADUATES OF '85.

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## FOUR YEARS' COURSES.

### ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

Robert C. Hussey,*	Peter M. McBride,
Mabel Waterman,	Minnie Waterman.

### ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

Horace A. Brown,	Agnes M. Burke,	Alice I. Burrell,
Nellie M. Conely,	Mary F. Connolly,*	Inez L. Gay,
Theresa A. McCarten,	Maggie L. Minon,	Clarence H. Morgan,
Isabella H. Ross,	Harriet A. Smith,	William O. Thayer,
Katie F. Tully,	Anna M. Walker,	Maria P. Westcott.

### CLASSICAL.

Harry P. Crosby,	Frank L. Fales,	Carrie M. Field,
John A. Finnigan,	Winona L. Hale,	John F. Igoe,
John J. O'Sullivan,		Essie C. Thayer.

### TWO YEARS' ENGLISH.

M. Harris Avery,*	William F. Burke,*	John H. Conniff,
William Gaffney,	Clara A. Johnson,*	Elbridge P. Jones,*
Aaron H. Mayhew,*	Edward J. O'Connor,	Bertha M. Pratt,*
Ida L. Reynolds,*	Charles R. Sanders,	Emily I. Spindel,
	Leora M. Taft.	

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\*A partial diploma, due to an incomplete course.

## TABLE V.

# Revised Course of Study for High School.

All courses for which diplomas are granted are those of four years' duration.

### SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

#### FIRST YEAR. — FIRST TERM.

Arithmetic one hour and Algebra four hours each week, English Grammar and Composition, Physiology, Drawing.

#### SECOND TERM.

Arithmetic and Algebra as before; Physiology, Book-keeping, Drawing.

#### THIRD TERM.

Arithmetic and Algebra as before; United States Constitution and Town Government, Book-keeping, Drawing.

#### SECOND YEAR. — FIRST TERM.

Geometry, Philosophy, Physical Geography, Drawing.

#### SECOND TERM.

History, Philosophy, Rhetoric, Drawing.

#### THIRD TERM.

History, Philosophy, Literature (American Poetry), Drawing.

#### THIRD YEAR. — FIRST TERM.

History, French, Literature (American Prose).

#### SECOND TERM.

Chemistry, French, Literature (English).

#### THIRD TERM.

Chemistry, French, Literature (English).

#### FOURTH YEAR. — FIRST TERM.

Geology, French, Astronomy.

#### SECOND TERM.

Review, French, Civil Government.

#### THIRD TERM.

Botany, French, Political Economy.

### LATIN AND ENGLISH COURSE.

In this course Latin is substituted for one English study each year; and if French is elected, one English study only is taken the last two years.

### CLASSICAL COURSE. — FOUR YEARS.

Same as English and Latin the first year. Greek begins the second year. The other studies depend on the requirements of the college for which the different students are preparing.

### GENERAL EXERCISES.

Rhetoricals and reviews, on every second Monday, are required of every pupil of every course. Instruction in vocal music each morning.

## TABLE VI.

# School Calendar 1886.

WINTER TERM.	Commences :	{ All Schools, Jan. 4.
	Closes :	{ High School, March 26.
		{ Other Schools, March 19.
	Vacation :	{ High School, one week.
		{ Other Schools, two weeks.
SPRING TERM.	Commences :	{ All Schools, April 5.
	Closes :	{ High School, June 25.
		{ Other Schools, June 11.
	Vacation :	{ High School, ten weeks.
		{ Other Schools, twelve weeks.
FALL TERM.	Commences :	{ All Schools, Sept. 6.
	Closes :	{ High School, Dec. 24.
		{ Other Schools, Dec. 17
	Vacation :	{ High School, one week.
		{ Other Schools, two weeks.

## SCHOOL SESSIONS.

HIGH SCHOOL.—April to November, 8 A. M. to 1 P. M.      November  
to April, 8:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1:30 to 4 P. M.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1:30 to 3:30 P. M.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School  
Committee, Engineers, Board of Health, Town Clerk,  
Park Commissioners, Trustees of the Town  
Library, and Trustees of Vernon  
Grove Cemetery,

For the Year ending February 14, 1887.

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MILFORD, MASS.:  
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.  
1887.

## TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF MILFORD.

As early as practicable we examined all accounts and presented our claims against the Town of Hopedale, hoping that all might be adjusted before the issue of our Annual Report, but owing to differences of opinion arising between the Selectmen of the two towns, the matter was referred to three commissioners, who shall be appointed by the Judge of Superior Court at Worcester.

Owing to this delay of settlement, and the fact that many of our departments include Hopedale's share, the appropriations may be exceeded; but in all cases we have tried to keep within the amount appropriated and carry out the wishes of the Town.

The suit of Timothy Shea vs. Town of Milford has been postponed until August, on account of sickness of Architect Swasey.

Owing to reduced appropriations, and an increase of wages being granted, it was not deemed best to run the crusher the past season, but instead we secured large quantities of "chips" from the quarries. We are also under obligations to Norcross Bros. for many loads of stone already prepared for crushing, which we have stored on land convenient to Main street. As our principal streets are badly in need of repair, we would recommend removing the crusher, and stone already prepared on Hopkinton Road, after first patching said road, as in our judgment such is all that is needed, to a point convenient to the centre. Our Highway Department labors under many disadvantages on account of customs and practices which have crept into it, owing to the demands made upon it directly by the Fire Department, especially during the winter months. We are obliged to keep in readiness, to answer alarms of fire, four horses and two drivers, and while we do not condemn this policy, still the expense should not be charged to a department deriving no benefit from it. An effort was made to reduce our force of horses and salaried drivers, cutting off what was thought an unnecessary addition to the Highway Department, but we found that the engineers were depending on the Town to furnish horses for the hose-carriages, and the matter was postponed. Some means should be devised whereby our annual appropriations would not thus be used up.

During the past year we tried the experiment of a paid patrol on Main street, and it proved satisfactory, and we would recommend the appointment of two patrolmen for duty during certain hours each evening, at a limited expense to the Town.

The Town appropriated a sum of money to build or enlarge the culvert at the "Basin," so called, but after looking the premises over carefully we concluded not to expend the money, as the capacity of the bridges and channel below Pond street bridge would not admit of any larger volume of water than the present culvert will allow to pass through.

We found it necessary to make many changes and improvements in Memorial Hall, owing to the unfinished state in which

it was left, but no appropriation was made for this purpose. We have secured the services of Henry B. Thayer as janitor for another year, as his services the past year proved him the man for the place.

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### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886.

Highways, . . . . .	\$ 7,000
Incidentals, . . . . .	5,000
Gas and Electric Lights, . . . . .	2,800
Town Library, . . . . .	300
Schools, . . . . .	20,000
Poor Department, . . . . .	9,000
Interest, . . . . .	5,500
Water for Fire Purposes, . . . . .	3,000
Vernon Grove Cemetery, . . . . .	100
Military Aid, . . . . .	600
Fire Department, . . . . .	4,000
Memorial Day, . . . . .	100
Town Park, . . . . .	75
Orchard Street, . . . . .	1,500
Main Street Bridge, . . . . .	500
Concrete Sidewalks, . . . . .	300
North Street, . . . . .	150
Water Street, . . . . .	500
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$65,425

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### COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

PHILIP A. GLEASON, COLLECTOR FOR 1886.

#### DR.

Taxes committed,	\$79,645 09	
Assessed since,	267 46	
	<hr/>	\$79,912 55

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Paid Lewis Hayden, treasurer,	\$69,695 30	
Paid Edw. A. Brown,	4,224 00	
Discounts,	1,648 83	
Abatements,	581 26	
Uncollected, Feb. 14, 1887,	3,763 16	
	<hr/>	\$79,912 55



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

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The Town Clerk herewith presents his annual statement for the year 1886.

There were issued and recorded in the Clerk's office 46 liquor licenses, showing a large falling off in number from the previous year, when there were 66 issued. Received for licenses in 1886, \$6,075, while in 1885 there was received \$7,075. The division of the town may account for the falling off in this business.

There were issued 334 dog licenses, 297 males, 37 females: Total amount received for licenses, \$779. Amount turned over to the County Treasurer, \$712.20. The number licensed the previous year (including Hopedale) was 338, with cash receipts of \$778.

Your Clerk is prepared to issue licenses to dealers in "Oleo-margarine," and although the fee is only fifty cents for such license, only six dealers have secured one.

The marriage intention book shows 83 marriage certificates issued, being one more than issued the previous year. Ninety-two marriages were recorded during the year, of which 74 were "first" marriage by bride and groom; three were second marriages; nine widowers took brides; three grooms took widows; two widowers, with a record of two marriages, took young brides, while a groom marked "fourth" marriage took a widowed bride. Marriages recorded in 1885, 85.

The birth record shows a marked increase from 182 for 1885 to 225 for 1886, 113 being females and 112 males. Births occurring in January, 21; February, 13; March, 19; April, 10; May, 23; June, 16; July, 12; August, 22; September, 19; October, 22; November, 25; December, 23.

The death record shows a large decrease from the year 1885, when 211 were reported, while for 1886 only 164 are recorded. As in past years consumption claimed the largest number, and although many died of pneumonia and diphtheria, yet the two latter diseases were not as prevalent as the previous year. Of the number reported 81 were females, 83 males. Ninety-nine bodies reported buried in Catholic Cemetery; the balance in the other town cemeteries and out of town.

There are 75 conveyances on the mortgage of personal property book against 105 the previous year, and 23 assignments of wages are recorded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS HAYDEN,  
Town Clerk.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1887.

Amount in hands of Treasurer Claflin, Feb. 16, 1886, \$	1,930	82
Received from B. H. Spaulding, hay (1885),	35	00
Borrowed of Milford Savings Bank,	28,000	00

## RECEIVED OF

J. H. Wood, collector, tax 1885,	1,151	56.
"            "            sidewalk tax 1885,	217	47
P. A. Gleason, collector 1886,	69,695	30
C. A. Dewey, rent of court room,	300	00
Post 22, G. A. R., rent one year,	76	00
E. A. Brown, county treasurer, dog tax,	637	78
B. H. Montague, rent of hall,	172	00
"            "            "            lockup,	146	34
A. W. Beard, state treasurer, corporation tax,	2,093	34
"            "            national bank tax,	660	45
"            "            state aid,	4,459	50
"            "            military aid,	1,023	00
"            "            armory rent,	300	00
"            "            school fund,	114	61
"            "            corporation and national bank tax returned,	29	03
S. A. Andrews, lockup key,	1	00
Charles Walker, lockup key,	1	00
E. E. Bates, " " " "	1	00
James Murray, jr., " " " "	1	00
Charles H. Waters, " " " "	1	00
Post 22, G. A. R., lumber,	7	00
Mead, Mason & Co., labor rebate,	144	00
Milford Gas Light Co., lamp post,	7	50
Mrs. Thayer, concrete work,	31	50
Milford Music Hall Co., concrete work,	4	50
Milford Gas Light Co., broken lamp,	3	25
Fred Swasey, lumber, (1885),	64	66
J. J. Milan, pool table license,	2	00
D. Quinn, " " " "	2	00
B. Manion, " " " "	2	00
Thomas Kelley, " " " "	2	00
J. J. Milan, 2d, " " " "	2	00
J. Martin, " " " "	2	00
A. Goucher, " " " "	2	00
J. Cronan, " " " "	2	00
W. A. Pond, " " " "	2	00
Knowlton & Co., " " " "	2	00
J. H. Keefe, " " " "	2	00
J. L. Keefe, " " " "	2	00
F. A. Henry, " " " "	2	00

J. F. McGuinness, pool table license,	2 00
C. H. Gillon, " "	2 00
C. J. Smith, " "	2 00
N. Frazier, " "	2 00
J. H. Wood, auctioneer's license,	2 00
S. Warren Cook, " "	2 00
Alfred L. Hixon, " "	2 00
L. Hunt, " "	2 00
J. P. Gallagher, " "	2 00
G. C. Thayer, " "	2 00
John Watson, " "	2 00
Ulrick French, " "	2 00
T. F. Davoren, " "	2 00
Oleomargarine licenses to J. Madden, P. Lynch, Wor-	
then & Burr, M. P. Callanan, Cheney Bros.	
and J. R. Best at 50 cents each,	3 00
Mrs. S. P. Carpenter, license Lyceum Hall (85),	16 00
Doris Circus, license,	50 00
N. S. Wood, dime show license,	15 00
Delavan, " "	25 00
C. S. Hilton & Co., " "	25 00
Milford Music Hall Co., license,	58 00
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	\$111,553 61

## Received for liquor licenses as follows:—

W. A. Pond,	\$ 125 00	L. R. Hazard,	125 00
B. Manion,	125 00	J. F. Stratton,	125 00
Jos. Woods,	125 00	C. J. Smith,	125 00
J. H. Keefe,	125 00	Kate Fitzgerald,	125 00
Thos. Kelley,	125 00	J. Dillon,	125 00
O. F. Knowlton & Co.,	125 00	J. Murray,	125 00
J. J. Milan,	125 00	G. W. Brigham, agt.,	125 00
J. L. Keefe,	125 00	George Tulley,	125 00
Wm. Sheehan,	125 00	A. Goucher,	200 00
J. Cronan,	125 00	J. F. McGuinness,	200 00
James Bradley,	125 00	W. P. Beals,	200 00
Patrick Gillon,	125 00	C. H. Gillon,	200 00
James Conley,	125 00	J. Stratton,	200 00
Mrs. Thos. Cauley,	125 00	H. A. Greeley,	75 00
D. Quinn,	125 00	J. A. Rice,	75 00
B. J. McNally,	125 00	A. H. Sweet,	75 00
D. Nugent,	125 00	H. E. Morgan,	75 00
John Rogers,	125 00	A. Sumner,	75 00
Thos. Mullen,	125 00	Patrick Gillon,	175 00
Thos. Moore,	125 00	J. Igoe,	175 00
F. A. Henry,	125 00	L. R. Hazard,	175 00
L. Cheney,	125 00	J. F. Stratton,	175 00
Thos. Quirk,	125 00		
Mrs. D. Kelley,	125 00		
			<hr/>
			\$6,075 00



## Received for work by town teams and help:—

G. N. Hayward,	\$ 6 85	James Walls,	1 00
J. Clifford,	16 50	Lyman Cheney,	3 00
L. T. Tougas,	5 00	Adam Supple,	50
N. Weed,	14 50	C. Sweeney,	3 75
A. Wheeler,	3 50	Mrs. McMahon,	25 00
T. E. Morse,	1 00	G. F. Birch,	50
Charles Tufts,	5 00	Wm. C. Gillman,	6 25
A. C. Kinney,	12 00	E. Taft,	2 00
Mrs. Flaherty,	1 50	L. Bradish,	3 00
T. F. Davoren,	3 00	W. H. Ring,	1 00
P. Milan,	1 50	O. B. Parkhurst,	2 00
E. Withington,	2 50	D. B. Jenks,	3 50
A. Goucher,	1 50	H. Schultz,	1 00
H. H. Lent,	1 00	P. Maher,	50
Mrs. Drew,	6 00	Charles Waters,	3 00
W. H. Hooker,	19 50	Hapgood & Mayhew,	14 50
Mrs. Thayer,	1 00	E. Glines,	1 50
John Barns,	50	Ver. Grove Cemetery,	5 00
James Magee,	1 00	W. P. Burbank,	2 50
M. Fallon,	5 00	P. Glennon,	2 00
Mrs. Drake,	2 00	Robert Rivers,	3 00
J. Kempton,	35 00	R. C. Hill, (gravel),	3 10
Mr. Connolly,	2 00		
Owen Wales,	1 00		
Wm. Reed,	50		
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			\$236 45

## Received for work by town teams from C. O. Woodbury for following parties:—

Moses Tarbell,	\$ 75	Mary McGee,	1 50
George Kendall,	75	Mrs. Otis Thayer,	2 00
J. Reilley,	1 25	P. Lynch,	3 26
Mr. Kenney,	40	W. Nye,	6 00
Mr. Libby,	1 00	Mrs. Kirby,	3 26
Oliver Parkhurst,	50	John McGuire,	2 50
Mrs. Cauley,	1 50	Milford Water Co.,	6 60
M. Gorman,	3 26		
Mr. Coffey,	3 71		
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			\$38 24

## Also from

L. E. Fales, Sec'y,	38 00	Lizzie Mann,	1 50
Mead, Mason & Co.,		G. L. Cooke,	2 50
(labor),	10 00	J. McDonough,	2 00
Mrs. Drew,	2 00	B. Kiernan,	5 50
C. W. Shippee,	7 50	M. McMahon,	6 50
H. C. Scott,	8 45		
Bushee & Johnston,	10 00		
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			\$93 95



Total Treasurer's receipts,	\$117997 25
Paid on Selectmen's orders,	117254 94

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$742 31
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

LEWIS HAYDEN, Town Treasurer.

Milford, Feb. 14, 1887.

## Report of Town Park Commissioners.

### RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation,	\$100 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

Martin Jenkins,	labor,	\$20 00
David Grady,	"	13 50
John Cooney,	"	14 00
Michael McKeague,	"	26 25
Field Brothers,	lumber,	10 40
N. K. Sprague,	labor,	6 48
John Coffey,	"	13 50
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Respectfully submitted,

H. E. FALES,  
C. W. WILCOX,  
DWIGHT RUSSELL,

Town Park Commissioners.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

P. Conniff, labor,	\$ 3 75
Fred M. Walker, supplies for stable,	3 25
T. C. Eastman, grain,	295 60
E. Mann, gravel (1885),	53 25
Field Bros., plank,	14 39
Ide & Boyce, blacksmiths,	104 41
C. T. Crosby, “	3 10
H. S. Cushman, harness bill,	44 95
A. M. Holmes, gravel,	9 90
“ “ barn rent,	100 00
H. Willard, crusher repairs,	7 50
A. Claflin, straw,	16 02
Geo. A. Sherborne, teams,	52 50
Prentice & Son, grain,	609 54
C. A. Ambler & Co., hardware,	21 96
Bartlett & Ellis, “	52 68
H. Walpolé, gravel,	75
L. E. Belknap, wheelwright,	48 18
Milford & Woonsocket R. R., gravel ('85),	52 80
D. B. Rockwood, wheelwright,	24 55
L. A. Cook, bill and cement,	50 78
H. C. Scott, bill,	2 34
Jas. Donovan, repairs,	75
P. J. Pratt, damage bill,	4 50
F. A. Colburn, horse medicine,	4 75
T. A. Gleason, storage hay,	5 00
Ira N. Ide, blacksmith bill,	24 68
J. Burnett, “	29 47
Mrs. P. Corrigan, gravel,	12 81
Stevens & Johnson, blacksmiths,	24 84
J. N. Lilly, harness repairs,	5 60
J. J. Grothe, blacksmith,	12 00
Dr. J. H. Gordon, horse doctor,	6 00
Wm. L. Billings, “	6 00
Chas. A. Hoyt, plumber,	15 59
Weed Bros. & Lent, lumber and labor,	19 25
C. Noyes, painting fountain,	1 50
Jas. S. Sherman, stone work,	3 20
A. Bragg, loam,	22 30
J. Taft, mason,	3 08
Jas. Pyne, gravel,	1 50
P. Lynch, supplies,	16 83

Samuel Gaskill, plank,	20 11
Town of Hopedale, plank,	13 50
O. F. Taft, plank,	6 96
J. E. Macuen, gravel,	6 60
C. C. Fisk, plank,	33 22
Milford Granite Co., chink stone,	1 00
B. Moore, labor,	1 00
R. C. Hill, hay, straw and sundry items paid,	103 58
Jas. J. Madden, gravel,	2 60
Ed. J. Gallagher, “	27 10
A. A. Taft, “	20 00
R. F. Cook, “	26 04
D. B. Rockwood, jr., painting carts,	25 00
C. O. Woodbury, supplies,	17 64
C. M. Thayer, “	2 18
C. O. Woodbury, horse medicine,	7 93
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	\$2,106 31

## AMOUNT FOR LABOR.

W. L. Billings, Supt.,	\$131 23
R. C. Hill, “	678 00
C. O. Woodbury, “ (including 1 mo. '85),	841 59
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	\$1,650 82
Fred Walker,	\$577 50
Charles Witherell,	565 50
Barney Kiernan,	565 50
Patrick Glennan,	412 67
Terence Sheedey,	411 80
James McAvoy,	435 50
Henry McAvoy,	400 50
Patrick Casey,	250 07
Patrick Donlan,	409 10
Charles McCann,	288 55
Patrick Milan,	224 65
William Hill,	132 75
Thomas Droney,	86 75
John Droney,	161 35
Philip Gilday,	85 65
Patrick Lyons,	94 00
J. Cammell,	4 50
M. Higginston,	56 00
P. Cammell,	3 10
J. Griffin,	3 40
M. Crane,	1 70
M. Regan,	1 70
John Keefe,	80
M. Haggeny,	2 50
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	\$5,173 14

## TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Cook & Sons, printers, report (1885-6),	\$150 00
“ “ sundry bills,	64 75
“ “ allowed for concrete work,	20 00
F. H. French, lockup key,	1 00
Times Pub. Co., sundry bills,	69 50
J. Cochrane, tree damage,	5 00
M. W. Edwards, return of deaths ('85),	27 75
Milford Gazette, sundry bills,	60 75
M. Broderick, police duty ('85),	2 50
M. J. Buckley, auditor and teller,	31 00
J. F. McGuinness, bill,	7 75
Chas. Waters, lockup key,	1 00
E. J. Quirk, care of Mendon road bridge,	3 70
Milford Water Co., water for armory,	9 00
“ “ bills,	23 70
John Usher, water,	5 00
A. S. Trowbridge, teller,	3 00
A. A. Cook, services selectman,	13 00
L. E. Fales, teller,	3 00
L. A. Cook, bill,	6 88
H. C. Scott, armory rent,	343 75
D. Johnson, burying hog,	1 00
Geo. W. Taft, exchange road machine,	235 00
M. R. Warren, blanks (licenses),	10 94
Lizzie Fairbanks, care of baby,	3 00
James Powers, teams,	12 00
Z. E. Ball, burying dog,	1 00
M. Reynolds, “	1 00
Wm. Hannon, “	1 00
Hapgood & Mayhew, assessors' teams,	7 50
E. F. Mosher, safe,	75 00
Geo. A. Sherborne, safe moved,	8 00
B. & A. freight bill,	3 78
Milford Granite Co., posts,	21 00
W. E. Cheney, posting bills,	2 25
B. Ward, cleaning vault,	5 00
Geo. A. Sherborne, sprinkling street,	12 00
Sarah E. Bragg and others, abatement taxes,	64 51
Chas. A. Hoyt, plumber,	12 99
Thos. F. Maher, bill,	200 00
Third District Court, truancy costs,	12 97
Hapgood & Mayhew, board bill,	2 00
S. C. Sumner, services,	5 00
Fred Swasey, laying out Memorial Hall Square,	25 00
E. E. Cook, killing glandered horse,	1 00
B. M. Lord, boiler inspector,	5 00
James Howard, burying dog,	1 00
Geo. W. Stacy, supplies,	21 99
J. M. Wood, repairs Purchase cemetery,	10 00



Capt. J. T. Berrill, armory rent,	25 00
W. P. Beals, bill,	7 50
Jas. G. Hill, ringing bell (2 years),	5 00
E. C. Claflin, watering trough,	10 00
Hugh Bradley, teller,	3 00
J. H. Wood, services collecting taxes,	19 09
Chas. H. Whiting, blank book,	2 75
Mrs. James Haggerty, bill,	100 00

## SALARIES.

O. D. Holmes, night watch,	\$ 84 00
“ “ constable,	29 00
H. C. Scott, registrar,	25 00
J. A. Taft, “	75 00
W. J. Coakley, “	75 00
L. Hayden, “	75 00
A. Wheeler, “	50 00
M. Broderick, police duty,	6 50
C. H. Walker, assessor,	230 00
M. W. Edwards and others, 4th July service constables,	42 00
T. F. Ryan, constable, July 4,	5 00
J. H. Burns, “ “	5 00
E. J. Dalton, “ “	5 00
T. F. Hayes, Main Street police duty,	123 00
Geo. F. Birch, services as overseer,	100 00
P. McGarry, “ assessor,	235 00
P. H. Curran, “ selectman,	275 00
H. A. Clark, “ “	200 00
H. C. Scott, “ “	225 00
L. Hayden, services town treasurer,	250 00
“ “ clerk for selectmen,	50 00
“ “ “ town,	75 00
“ “ coll't'g and return'g births, deaths, etc.,	144 70
“ postage and express charges,	14 72
James Mulligan, return of births,	2 25
Chas. Mackin, “ “	17 75
Dr. Knight, “ “	10 50
Dr. Clarke, “ “	6 25
Dr. Barns, “ “	75
Wood & Nye, “ of deaths,	16 25
L. E. Fales, services Board of Health,	45 00
J. M. Eaton, “ “	40 00
Dr. Mackin, “ “	40 00
Geo. E. Stacy, “ assessor,	197 50
B. H. Montague, “ sealer of weights,	20 00
Chester L. Clark, “ as overseer,	325 00
John Madden, “ “	100 00
H. E. Fales, legal services,	70 00
P. A. Gleason, tax collector,	571 12

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\$5,646 59

## GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

Globe Gas Light Co.,	\$ 812 95
Milford Gas Light Co.,	1,147 59
Milford Electric Light Co.,	1,283 34
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	\$3,243 88

## TOWN LIBRARY.

O. F. Croughwell, secretary,	\$300 00
N. F. Blake, $\frac{1}{2}$ dog tax (net),	318 89
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	\$618 89

## MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Milford Savings Bank,	\$35,000 00
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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

L. E. Fales, secretary,	\$20,436 21
J. Madden, water,	5 00
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	\$20,441 21

## FOR MATERIAL.

J. J. Madden,	\$ 2 60
E. J. Gallagher,	27 10
A. M. Holmes,	1 70
A. A. Taft,	20 00
R. F. Cook,	26 04
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	\$ 77 44

Total amount expended,	\$8,930 27
Amount appropriated,	\$8,150 00
Earnings of Highway Department,	368 64
Bills now due department,	45 00
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	\$8,563 64

Exceeded appropriation,	\$ 366 63
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## POOR DEPARTMENT.

Chester L. Clark, chairman,	\$9,600 00
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## INTEREST.

Milford Savings Bank,	\$2,596 31
Hide & Leather Bank,	3,800 00
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	\$6,396 31

## TOWN PARK.

J. Cooney, labor,	\$14 00
D. Grady, “	13 50
M. Jenkins, “	20 00
M. McTague, “	14 00

Field Bros., bill,	10 40
M. McKeague, labor,	12 25
N. K. Sprague, “	6 48
J. Coffey, “	13 50
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	\$104 13

### WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

W. H. Barney, Supt. Water Co.,	\$2,812 50
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### MEMORIAL DAY.

B. H. Montague, appropriation,	\$100 00
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### VERNON GROVE CEMETERY.

H. C. Skinner, Trustee,	\$100 00
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### ORCHARD LANE (So called).

Statira S. Drake, damage,	\$300 00
Mrs. E. D. Mann, “	200 00
Edwin Withington, “	500 00
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	\$1,000 00

### TOWN HALL AND LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

J. L. Smith, supplies,	\$1 90
J. W. Harris, “	2 75
Craige & Severance, locksmiths,	4 50
C. W. Wilcox, exchange clock,	5 00
S. A. Andrews, lockup key,	1 00
P. M. Hunt, “ “	1 00
Bartlett & Ellis, bill,	5 23
L. A. Cook, “	9 75
W. P. Roberts, lockup key,	1 00
J. A. Rice, supplies,	3 85
G. A. Sherborne, teaming,	1 50
L. A. Cook, wood,	11 50
J. W. Harris, blacking stoves,	2 00
M. P. Callanan, supplies,	60 34
H. A. Barney, coal,	105 16
Milford Water Co., water,	9 00
Bartlett & Ellis, bill,	21 59
B. H. Montague, supplies,	23 55
“ “ salary lockup keeper,	100 00
“ “ janitor,	200 00
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	\$570 62

### CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

F. M. Ballou & Co.,	\$258 00
Due from J. H. Barker,	\$42.64.

## LIQUOR LICENSES.

A. W. Beard, Treas., one-fourth amoent received,	\$1,518 75
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## STATE TAX.

A. W. Beard, Treasurer,	\$4,635 00
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## NATIONAL BANK TAX.

A. W. Beard, Treasurer,	\$4,123 99
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## STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid by L. Hayden, Treasurer, as follows :—

State Aid,	\$4,138 25
Military Aid,	\$1,707 00

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\$5,845 25

## PAY OF MEMBERS, M. F. D.

J. H. Scott, Treasurer,	\$2,160 00
H. E. Madden, “	1,700 00

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\$3,860 00

## INCIDENTALS, M. F. D.

J. H. Scott, Treasurer,	\$200 00
H. E. Madden, “	600 00

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\$800 00

## LETTERING TABLETS, MEMORIAL HALL.

Thos. Foster, labor,	\$522 95
Fred Swasey, Supt.,	50 00

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\$572 95

(No appropriation.)

## MEMORIAL HALL ACCOUNT.

C. T. Crosby, supplies,	\$1 80
Field Bros., coal and lumber bills,	274 13
J. W. Harris, supplies,	6 00
T. E. Morse, painting,	2 50
H. B. Thayer, janitor,	292 25
G. C. Buck, supplies,	1 90
Sprague & Simpson, labor,	7 15
Milford Water Co., water,	52 00
A. S. Tuttle & Co., bill,	6 00
P. Dillon, laying floor,	53 50
Bartlett & Ellis, bills,	46 62
J. Miller, labor on grounds,	12 00
C. A. Ambler & Co., bills,	6 48
A. S. Pickering, mason,	2 80
H. C. Scott, lawn hose,	5 98.



J. Breck & Son, mower,	8 75
P. Dillon, lumber and labor,	18 94
H. A. Barney, coal,	98 60
Wm. F. Reynolds, work,	2 50
C. Pierce, weather strips,	1 50
W. H. Hooker, knobs,	1 75
Milford Gas Co., for library,	135 80

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\$1,038 95

(No appropriation.)

### RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

		APPROPRIATION.
Highways,	\$8,930 27	\$7,000
Incidentals,	5,646 59	5,000
Gas and street lights,	3,243 88	2,800
Town library,	618 89	300
Money borrowed and paid,	35,000 00	
Schools,	20,441 21	20,000
Poor department,	9,600 00	9,000
Interest,	6,396 31	5,500
Town Park,	104 13	75
Water for fire purposes,	2,812 50	3,000
Memorial Day,	100 00	100
Vernon Grove cemetery,	100 00	100
Orchard Lane,	1,000 00	1,500
Town Hall and lockup account,	570 62	
Concrete sidewalks,	258 00	300
Liquor licenses,	1,518 75	
State tax,	4,635 00	
National bank tax,	4,123 99	
State and military aid,	5,845 25	600
Pay of members M. F. D.	3,860 00	4,000
Incidentals, " "	800 00	
Lettering tablets Memorial Hall,	572 95	
Memorial Hall account,	1,038 95	
Care of burial lots,	37 65	
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	\$117,254 94	

### TOWN DEBT.

Milford town bonds,	\$40,000
Hide and Leather Bank, railroad bonds,	50,000
Money borrowed Milford Savings Bank,	18,000
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	\$108,000

P. H. CURRAN,  
H. A. CLARK,  
H. C. SCOTT,  
Selectmen of Milford.

REPORT OF  
THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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EXPENSE AT THE FARM.

Grain,	\$514 08
Salary of Superintendent,	500 00
Hired help,	386 86
Meat,	295 72
Flour,	243 10
Horse,	220 00
Butter,	167 33
Clothing,	136 82
Dry goods,	125 64
Oxen,	125 00
Coal,	120 90
Medicine,	112 01
Hardware, plumbing, and farming tools,	109 71
Fresh fish,	104 82
Boots, shoes and rubbers,	96 52
Salt fish,	94 68
Burials,	90 00
Phosphate and lime,	61 57
Tobacco,	60 63
Sugar,	59 28
Furniture and crockery,	58 04
Small groceries and spices,	53 94
Geo. D. Rhodes, small bills paid during the year,	53 72
Medical attendance,	50 00
Paint, glass, paper, oil, brushes, etc.,	48 72
Tea,	45 82
Carriage,	45 00
Lumber and carpenter work,	41 06
Molasses,	35 90
Repairs on wagons and farming tools,	32 02
Soft soap,	28 05
Shoeing horses and oxen,	25 49
Empty flour and cider barrels,	24 80
Hay,	20 00
Beans,	19 53
Oil,	19 44
Crackers, etc.,	24 59

Manure,	\$23 00
Hard soap,	17 50
Stove and pipe,	15 00
Plank,	15 00
Cheese,	10 04
Seed potatoes and grass seed,	15 10
Painting wagon,	12 00
Pigs,	11 50
Repairs on harnesses,	10 48
One horse sled and one ox sled,	9 25
Plaster,	8 81
Making cider,	7 62
Repairs on stoves,	7 75
Driving oxen from and to Brighton,	7 00
Stationery, postage, etc.,	6 86
Salt,	6 30
Repairs on spectacles and clock,	6 00
Glass and stone jars,	5 55
Goods at auction,	5 05
Pear trees,	5 00
Local weekly papers,	4 50
Extracting teeth,	4 25
Brooms,	3 75
Snuff,	3 60
Lantern and pails,	2 90
Coffee,	2 20
Repairing sewing machine,	1 80
Old sash,	1 50
Clothes lines and jug,	1 50
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	\$4,481 60

## INCOME AT THE FARM.

Milk,	\$1,053 49
Oxen,	125 31
Pension,	104 00
Apples,	103 05
Cows,	75 00
Pigs,	46 00
Pork,	27 60
Cider apples,	29 06
Straw,	30 72
Military aid,	24 00
Calves,	18 50
Cucumbers,	16 29
Service of bull and boar,	15 50
Onions,	18 74
Electa Kimball,	15 00
Premiums at Milford and Upton fairs,	13 75
Beans, shell and string,	11 30

Cabbage,	\$13 32
Green corn,	10 34
Board for Mrs. Keenan,	8 00
Potatoes,	7 65
Squash,	6 63
Bull and cow hide,	5 77
Green peas,	5 62
Board for Mrs. Hennessey,	7 25
Eggs,	4 60
Pie plant,	4 33
Watermelons and muskmelons,	4 30
Rags and old iron,	4 02
Beets,	2 60
Damage to field corn,	2 00
Tomatoes,	1 60
Top onions,	1 00
Cash from E. Quinlan,	1 00
Turnips,	1 00
Fowls,	90
Soap grease,	90
Cider,	1 00
Bones,	75
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PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Mrs. Thomas Barry,	\$57 40	Mrs. Patrick Manion,	105 75
Mrs. Eliza Buxton,	13 88	Mrs. Charles Murphy,	100 00
Mrs. William Blanchard,	52 00	John F. Moore,	41 00
Mrs. William Bren,	48 76	Mrs. Edward Murphy,	88 00
John Collins,	36 37	Mrs. Bridget Murray,	32 25
Peter Collins,	25 00	Peter Moore,	17 00
William Caine (children),	12 00	Mrs. John P. Moore,	53 34
Benjamin Cottrell,	12 12	Patrick Murray,	39 07
Mrs. Winnifred Casey,	37 00	Patrick McQuaid,	6 90
Mrs. Patrick Cloonan,	137 50	Nancy McCool,	183 00
Curtis Claffin,	14 75	Mrs. Michael McCarty,	1 50
Mrs. James Comee,	124 04	Patrick McGrath,	26 00
Mrs. Mary Cronan,	58 90	Edward McKenna,	100 13
Mrs. Mary Coy,	54 98	Patrick Nugent,	19 00
Ellis Daniels,	19 88	Robert Nichols,	27 51
Mrs. David Doyle,	86 15	Mrs. John Nugent,	46 44
Mrs. William Dacey,	109 50	Owen O'Hara,	24 00
John Delaney,	6 50	Maurice O'Connell,	2 70
Mrs. Susanna Flagg,	22 00	Martin O'Connell,	4 00
Mrs. Darius S. Flagg,	93 40	Ellen O'Connor,	3 50
Mrs. Thomas Finton,	9 02	Mrs. Mary Quinlan,	111 55
Mrs. William Fahey,	134 01	Mrs. Michael Quirk,	14 13
John Flynn,	7 65	Mrs. Dennis Ryan,	52 85
Miss Ellen A. Guild,	105 00	Mrs. Mary Rogers,	16 25
Mrs. D. Gilmore,	26 50	William Stewart,	8 50



Mrs. Andrew Gilroy,	\$173 54	Mrs. Bridget Sweeney,	\$17 50
Mrs. J. J. Grant,	106 00	Michael Smith,	56 00
Mrs. Hugh Glennon,	17 00	Mrs. Daniel Shea,	23 00
Michael Hageney,	53 40	Fred L. Tillotson,	140 73
Chandler Howard,	52 50	Mrs. Michael Toolan,	33 40
Patrick Hannigan,	40 20	Susan Twohey case,	47 04
Howard Holland,	185 64	John W. Wilson,	52 50
Mrs. Michael Halpin,	105 40	Mrs. Margaret Welch,	9 80
Mrs. Edward Hollohan,	4 25	Medical attendance for	
Miss Lucretia Hayward,	34 07	the above families	
Thomas Hannigan,	7 00	during year,	100 00
Mrs. Bernard King,	5 88		
Mrs. Thomas Lyons,	69 40		<hr/>
			\$3762 93

PERSONS BELONGING TO MILFORD AIDED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. Fleming Adams, Attleboro,	\$ 16 00
Mrs. James A. Hern, Natick,	59 45
Albert Armstrong, Medway,	3 00
Patrick Boyle, Worcester,	128 85
Alvin Collins, Medway,	112 58
Martin Coppinger, Boston city hospital,	13 50
Mrs. Andrew Doyle, Southboro,	68 17
John Doucett, Spencer,	17 92
Mrs. James Fay, Lynn,	119 40
John Fahey, Lyman School, Westboro,	33 43
Michael McGee, Worcester,	4 50
Mrs. Toby Hart, Spencer,	80 68
Julius L. Johnson, Bellingham,	11 50
James Murphy, Marlboro,	124 40
Mrs. Martha J. Pickering, Worcester,	32 10
Mary Pettis, Boston city hospital,	43 77
Mrs. William Roach, Blackstone,	99 91
Mrs. Abby Reed, Boston,	3 75
Julian Sireack, Boston city hospital,	10 75
Edgar P. Smith, Hanover,	14 50
Mary Sergerson, Worcester,	2 00
Edward Sireack, Holliston,	2 00
Mrs. Mary White, Franklin,	215 56
Mahan children, Boston,	63 15
Ann Quinliven, Spencer,	62 16
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	\$1343 03

PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS AIDED IN MILFORD.

Mrs. George Anderson, Hopkinton,	\$ 78 69
George W. Brown, Uxbridge,	44 80
Mrs. Mary J. Bennett, Rockland,	18 00
John Clancy, Upton,	126 96

John Cullen, Medway,	\$ 2 31
Richard Carey, Boston,	8 70
Mrs. Jerry Daley, Northbridge,	12 30
Mrs. Benjamin Fairbanks, Hopkinton,	12 25
Patrick Gleason, Medway,	38 00
Daniel Harrington, Hopkinton,	25 72
Mrs. Benjamin Knapp, Douglas,	7 63
Joshua O. Langley, Warren,	37 18
Benjamin Newton, Shrewsbury,	6 90
Charles H. Snowling, Northbridge,	57 10
James Sarsfield, Holliston,	8 30
Cornelius Shay, Worcester,	3 00
Mrs. Lucy A. Tibbetts, Abington,	55 00
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	\$542 84

## INSANE.

Henry Cain,	\$180 31	John Nugent,	124 94
Caroline Coughlin,	181 11	Maria Ripley,	170 26
Mary Connell,	181 93	James Sullivan,	190 46
Peter Corrigan,	125 32	Margaret Bradley,	190 11
Thomas H. Donovan,	179 79	Abbott L. Perry,	172 58
Thomas J. Harper,	8 36		<hr/>
John Mee,	66 89		\$1772 06

## STATE PAUPERS.

Benjamin Bauberry,	\$ 77	Sarah McGrath,	12 50
Crohen Connell,	1 65	Daniel McNeil,	13 45
Hannah Cooney,	10 50	Mrs. Lucelia E. Nichols,	10 00
Michael Coy,	77	Katie Smith,	17 58
Joseph Foster,	77	Philetus L. Sproat,	1 50
John Floocks,	18 00	Patrick Sullivan,	1 25
John Gillis,	9 50	David Still,	77
William Harty,	61 83	Patrick Ryan,	1 50
Fred Holland,	1 00	Mrs. Flanigan,	1 54
Patrick Kelley,	1 54		<hr/>
Michael B. McMahan,	3 80		\$195 37
Michael Murphy,	25 15		
409 tramps,			16 05

## INCIDENTALS.

Printing notices, orders, etc,	10 80
Books, stationery, etc.,	4 53
Postage stamps and postal cards,	4 32
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	\$19 65
Cash in hands of Overseers,	82

## INMATES AT THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. Electa Kimball,	52 weeks	Mrs. Mary Sergerson,	52 weeks
Edward Despeaux,	52 "	Edward Gabbrie,	52 "
Charles C. Austin,	52 "	Ellen Middleton,	52 "
Michael Coy,	52 "	Mary E. Middleton,	52 "
James Boland,	52 "	George Middleton,	52 "
Patrick Mahan,	31 "	Peter Mathews,	8 "
Mrs. Hannah Mahan,	32 "	Dennis Pyne,	52 "
Thomas Craven,	10 "	Charles H. Dunham,	52 "
Edward Quinlan,	52 "	James Donahue,	31 "
Mary O'Connell,	52 "	John Ward,	52 "
James A. Hern,	52 "	Curtis L. Claflin,	17 "
Kate A. Hern,	12 "	Orra W. Cheney,	17 "
Mrs. Mary Beaty,	33 "	Mrs. Julia Carey,	34 "
R. D. H. Beaty,	2 "	Michael Sullivan,	2 "
Mrs. Bridget Cain,	45 "	John Sheedy,	8 "
John Cook,	52 "	Johanna McCarty,	39 "
John Masterson,	52 "	Joseph Caine,	34 "
Arthur O'Keefe,	52 "	Frederick Caine,	34 "
Daniel McCarty,	28 "	Mrs. Martha J. Picker-	
Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald,	21 "	ing,	4 "
Lydia A. Parkhurst,	52 "	Mrs. Ellen King,	24 "
Mrs. Prudence Burrill,	28 "	Mary A. King,	24 "
Adrastus Sherman,	21 "	Harry L. King,	24 "
Thomas Field,	50 "	Fred H. Tillotson,	23 "
Charles H. Remick,	5 "	Mabel Tillotson,	7 "
Mrs. Mary S. Remick,	6 "	Mrs. Delia Delaney,	21 "
John Flynn,	52 "	Kosella Delaney,	9 "
Mrs. Elizabeth Gabbrie,	52 "	Mrs. Bridget Hennessey,	4 "
Mary E. McGrath,	7 "	Moses Smith,	3 "
J. Henry McGrath,	9 "	Michael Connor,	5 "
Daniel McGrath,	9 "	Patrick Cuniff,	52 "
Frank Sergerson,	48 "	James McCormick,	52 "

Net expense at the farm,	\$2659 71
Appraisal of town farm, \$4,500, interest,	270 00
" personal property, \$3,331.95, interest	199 91

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\$3,129 62

Whole number of persons admitted during the year,	63
Average number " " " " "	39
Average weekly cost of each person,	\$1 54 $\frac{1}{2}$

There have been nine deaths at the farm during the year as follows :—

Feb. 16, 1886,	R. D. H. Beaty, old age and rupture,	Age 72
April 13,	Thomas Craven, old age,	" 82
June 12,	John Sheedy, consumption,	" 23
July 17,	Martha J. Pickering, dropsy,	" 48

Sept.	3,	Patrick Mahan, old age and rupture,	Age 84
"	12,	Hannah Mahan, cancer,	" 79
"	22,	Julia Carey, cancer,	" 77
Jan.	15, 1887,	Thomas Field, creeping paralysis,	" 38
Feb.	2,	Edward Quinlan, old age,	" 64

## RECEIPTS.

Lewis Hayden, treasurer,	\$9,600 00
Cash on hand from 1885,	22 18
Income at the farm,	1821 89
Upton,	119 10
State,	123 93
Hopkinton,	62 63
Northbridge,	78 60
Uxbridge,	61 45
Abington,	55 00
Warren,	53 18
Medway,	35 81
Rockland,	18 00
Boston,	8 70
Holliston,	8 30
Shrewsbury	6 90
Douglas,	7 63
Worcester,	3 00
State Aid,	48 00
	————— \$12,134 30

## RECAPITULATION.

Expense at the farm,	\$4481 60
Paupers outside the farm,	3762 93
Paupers in other towns,	1343 03
Paupers belonging to other towns,	542 84
Insane,	1772 06
State paupers,	195 37
Tramps,	16 00
Incidentals,	19 65
Cash in hands of overseers,	82
	————— \$12,134 30

## BILLS DUE MILFORD FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Northbridge,	\$1 00
Hopkinton,	64 03
Upton,	8 36
Medway,	9 50
	————— \$82 89



## NUMBER OF PAUPERS AIDED DURING THE YEAR.

Insane,	18
State,	53
Farm,	63
Other paupers,	361
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Total	495

The Superintendent and Matron are paid to March 1, 1887, salary \$500. The Town Doctor is paid to April 1, 1887, salary \$150.

The usual appropriation for the Department of the Poor has been \$10,000 for several years. The present year, owing to the division of the town, and in order to reduce expenses, the appropriation was only \$9000, although we care for the same number as we did before the division. As the year has been considered a fairly prosperous one as regards business, we feel that we have done as well as the town could expect us to do, under these circumstances, although we exceeded the appropriation \$600. The expense of the present year has been \$2000 less than last.

At the town farm the house has been *thoroughly* renovated from the garret to the cellar; the rooms and halls have all been whitewashed and painted, the labor being done by the Superintendent. Therefore the expense of the same has only been for the materials used.

The suit against the Commonwealth, to recover for money paid for the board of Susan Twohey, a state pauper, which was referred to in our last report, is still undecided, although a decision may be expected soon.

A hearing has been had in the Superior Court, and the fact that Susan Twohey was a state pauper was fully proved, but the claim was made by the Attorney General in behalf of the Commonwealth that the law creating the Court of Claims, did not cover this case. Upon this point the case was carried to the Supreme Court and has been argued, and a decision may be made at any time. To fully protect the interests of the town, a new petition has been presented to the legislature, which will be pursued if the decision of the Court is adverse to us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHESTER L. CLARK,  
JOHN MADDEN,  
GEORGE F. BIRCH,

Overseers of the Poor.

## BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

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Annual report of receipts and expenditures of the Milford Fire Department for the year ending Feb. 12, 1887.

Giving a correct record of the fires and alarms, cause, as near as could be obtained, amount of insurance and insurance paid, present condition of the department and recommendations for the ensuing year.

### RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of E. C. Claffin and Lewis Hayden, Town Treasurers,		
pay of members,	\$3,800 60	
Received for incidentals,	800 00	
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"    of James Powers, for old iron and brass sold from the ruins of the North Purchase engine house,	\$13 75	
Received of Wm. C. Gillman Hose Co., No. 4, for use of water for lawn hose,	5 00	
Cash on hand, Feb. 12, 1886,	67 87	86 62
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		\$4,687 22

### EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation for pay of members,	\$3,300 00
PAID	
Milford S. F. E., No. 1,	455 00
A. Claffin S. F. E. Co. 2,	227 50
Excelsior H. & L. Co. No. 1,	547 50
Wide Awake Hose Co. No. 1,	455 00
Washington Hose Co. No. 2,	455 00
Hopedale Hose Co. No. 3,	158 50
W. C. Gilman Hose Co. No. 4,	455 00
F. M. Walker, driver Steamer No. 1,	175 00
C. L. Witherell, driver Hose No. 1,	152 00
C. O. Woodbury, driver Steamer No. 2,	116 50
F. J. Rockwood, driver Hose No. 2,	18 75
D. L. Stimpson, steward Hose No. 1,	10 75
C. L. Littlefield, steward Hose No. 1,	21 50
F. J. Rockwood, steward Hose No. 2,	32 25
G. S. Arnold, steward Hose No. 3,	17 33
Michael Casey, steward Hose No. 4,	40 00
James Birmingham, steward H. & L.,	10 00

Charles Chapin, steward H. & L.,	\$ 13 33
Michael Burke, steward H. & L.,	16 63
Henry Willard, engineman Steamer No. 1,	175 00
N. B. Fairbanks, engineman Steamer No. 2,	97 08
Board of engineers,	295 00
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	\$3,944 62

Expended over appropriation, \$644.62.

### APPROPRIATION FOR INCIDENTALS, \$700.

#### PAID

Milford Gas Light Co.,	\$187 98
Milford Water Co.,	50 25
Bartlett & Ellis, labor and material,	36 87
C. E. Clark, fire police,	10 00
J. C. Coffey, cleaning snow from hydrants and labor,	15 00
Geo. A. Sherborne, teams to fires and horses for reserve,	51 50
L. E. Belknap, labor and stock,	5 20
M. W. Edwards, horses for Hook and Ladder,	55 50
A. L. Smith, horses for Hose No. 4,	25 00
James Powers, teams to fires,	2 50
Field Bros., lumber,	58
A. Sumner, bicarb. soda,	2 00
H. S. Cushman, stock and labor,	6 70
O. D. Holmes, ringing fire alarm bell,	12 00
H. A. Barney, coal,	63 34
Milford Gas Co., coal,	6 00
Craige & Severance, repairs,	7 40
John Taft, mason work,	4 20
Eldredge & Beattey, labor and material for H. & L. house,	34 00
G. M. Billings, letter paper,	1 20
Heirs of S. P. Carpenter, rent,	15 00
H. C. Scott, oil,	2 40
Hopedale Stable, team,	1 50
J. C. O'Neil, pail and sponge,	75
G. E. Daniels, ringing fire alarm bell,	5 00
S. F. E., No. 2, rent of room,	17 00
Martin Broderick, fire police,	6 00
B. H. Montague, ringing fire bell,	4 00
A. S. Crofoot, stove pipe,	3 00
W. A. Fairbanks, spray nozzle,	10 00
C. O. Woodbury, oil,	3 95
J. P. Pratt, machine oil,	1 95
J. D. Gillis, repairing overcoats,	4 00
L. Grow, carriage seat,	11 00
D. B. Rockwood, labor on steamer No. 1,	8 50
M. Casey, supplies,	65
P. Lynch, oil,	50
G. A. Sherman, ringing bell,	2 00

Cook & Sons, printing notice,	\$ 4 50
Henry Willard, labor and supplies,	12 70
B. Ward, cleaning vault,	1 00
C. M. Thayer, supplies,	12 13
T. E. Morse, window,	1 60
Wm. C. Gillman Hose Co. No. 4, labor, etc.,	3 00
Milford Electric Light and Power Co.,	18 75
C. A. Ambler, supplies,	2 02
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	\$730 12

Expended over appropriation, \$30.12.

The excess over appropriation is due to a required expense of \$34 for repairs at Hook and Ladder house.

### RECAPITULATION.

Total amount drawn from E. C. Claffin and Lewis Hayden, Town Treasurers,	\$4660 00
Received from James Powers for brass and iron,	13 75
“ “ Wm. C. Gillman Hose Co. No. 4,	
water for lawn hose,	5 00
To cash on hand, Feb. 12, 1886,	67 87
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	\$4746 62
Paid for members of Dep't,	\$3944 62
“ incidentals, for Dep't,	730 12
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	\$4674 74
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Balance on hand Feb. 12, 1887,	\$71 88
Total expense of Dep't for the last year,	\$4674 74

### APPROPRIATIONS, 1886.

Pay of members,	\$3300 00
Incidentals,	700 00
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	\$4000 00
Exceeded appropriation by pay of members,	\$644 62
“ “ “ incidentals,	30 12
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Total amount exceeded,	\$674 74

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

For pay of members,	\$3538 00
Incidentals,	900 00
Repairs,	300 00
New Hose,	300 00



## ROLL OF MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer,	JAMES POWERS
First Assistant Engineer,	D. R. JOHNSON
Second Assistant Engineer,	P. J. BAXTER
Clerk and Treasurer,	HENRY E. MADDEN

MILFORD STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., No. 1.—Foreman, Thomas E. Nutting; Assistant Foreman, Benjamin Franklin; Clerk and Treasurer, W. P. Leland; Engineman, Henry Willard; Stoker, Henry E. Rockwood; Driver, F. M. Walker; Hosemen, E. F. Pond, Wm. M. Bowker, A. D. Read, Jas. E. Keane, Wm. Brown, Waldo Hancock, George Whiting, Nahum Gaskill, John A. Boyce.

AARON CLAFLIN STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., No. 2.—Foreman, J. H. Morse; First Assistant Foreman, A. J. Watkins; Clerk and Treasurer, W. A. Fairbanks; Engineman, N. B. Fairbanks; Driver, C. O. Woodbury; Hosemen, Chas. H. Cook, Walter A. Otis, Larkin H. Hayden, William O. Hayden, Nahum Gaskill, Joseph Lawton, C. H. Smith, G. H. Thompson, A. H. Smith, J. E. Brayn.

Disbanded by the Board of Engineers May 1, 1886.

AARON CLAFLIN STEAM FIRE ENGINE, in reserve.—Engineman, N. B. Fairbanks; Stoker, W. A. Fairbanks.

WIDE AWAKE HOSE CO., No. 1.—Foreman, Wm. J. Stimpson; First Assistant Foreman, John Hennessey; Second Assistant Foreman, H. I. Benny; Clerk, A. D. White; Steward, L. E. Dolliff; Hosemen, D. L. Stimpson, Henry Willard, J. L. Lilly, C. L. Witherell, E. Burnside Bates, R. P. Hadley, C. A. Parker, Walter Steele, J. H. Bates, S. W. Blunt.

WASHINGTON HOSE CO., No. 2.—Foreman and Treasurer, L. E. Belknap; First Assistant Foreman, J. T. Berrill; Second Assistant Foreman, Thos. F. Martin; Clerk, William J. Pyne; Steward, F. J. Rockwood; Hosemen, P. J. Connor, Emmons Fletcher, Bart. Harrington, Edward Dalton, John Glenfield, T. E. Condon, John J. Ring, M. C. Hussey, T. P. Cronan, D. F. Ring.

HOPEDALE HOSE CO., No. 3.—Foreman, Thos. J. Coyne; First Assistant Foreman, Robert Ross; Second Assistant Foreman, F. L. Andrews; Clerk, Samuel Pilling; Treasurer, E. L. Chichester; Steward, G. S. Arnold; Hosemen, G. E. Frink, E. L. Adams, J. P. Smith, T. F. Barrows, Thad. E. Stevens, E. M. Capen.

Transferred to the town of Hopedale April 7, 1886.

WILLIAM C. GILLMAN HOSE CO., No. 4.—Foreman, J. C. O'Neil; First Assistant Foreman, M. Higgins; Second Assistant Foreman, D. O'Connor; Clerk, C. A. Cheney; Treasurer, M. J. Buckley; Steward, M. Casey; Hosemen, George Julian, Fred Joslyn, P. Coyne, A. L. Smith, Owen Gormley, M. Murphy, M. Hanagan, John Keelon, Fred Basford.

EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.—Organized March 10, 1886. Foreman, W. S. Clark; Assistant Foreman, Herbert Brown; Clerk, Calvin Parker; Treasurer, Nat. Y. Higgins; Steward, Charles Chapin; Laddermen, Oscar Eldredge, Geo. H. Harlow, Albert Whitcomb, Robert Hussey, Wallace Marden, William Ide, Elbert Bradish, Geo. Fletcher, Archie McPhee, G. W. Lane.

Disbanded May 21, 1886, by the Board of Engineers.

THE EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1, was formed and again organized May 21, 1886, by the Board of Engineers, with twenty new and capable men. Foreman, Thos. J. Connor; Assistant Foreman, James Lally, jr.; Clerk, Geo. Tully; Treasurer, John J. Manning; Steward, M. J. Burke; Laddermen, John Kelley, P. F. Callery, E. J. Roach, William Coffey, John L. Keefe, John Connor, George Manning, Jas. J. Smith, Jas. Baxter, Frank Foley, Peter Cawley, Jas. Corbett, Frank McDermott, M. H. Sullivan, Jeremiah Clancy.

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

There were eight bell alarms of fire during the year ending Jan. 1, 1887, and two still alarms. Two buildings were totally destroyed, and one partially destroyed by fire without an alarm being given. Below we give a statement of the same as nearly as could be obtained:—

Total amount of insurance on buildings damaged by fire,	\$1,400 00
“ “ contents,	975 00
Total amount of insurance paid on buildings,	\$589 05
“ “ contents,	478 50
Total amount paid on buildings and contents,	<u>\$1,067 55</u>

Feb. 3, 10 P. M. Incendiary fire destroyed the old Jones place, so called, situated on a by-road leading off Congress street opposite J. W. Harris' residence. No insurance. The house was unoccupied. Loss \$50.

Feb. 26, 6.45 P. M. Chimney in house on Ann street. No damage. At the same time another chimney was discovered on fire in house owned and occupied by Michael Lang, situated on Bacon slip, opposite Fruit street. No damage.

Feb. 19, 2 A. M. The old soap factory, owned and occupied by the heirs of John Marron, Mendon road, totally destroyed. Supposed incendiary. Insurance \$800. Loss total.

April 14, 2.35 A. M. Barn and contents destroyed, corner West and Prospect streets, owned by Five Cent Savings Bank, Worcester, Mass. Occupied by Benjamin Clancy. Total loss. Insurance, \$600 on building, \$400 on contents. Damage \$1000. Incendiary.

April 18, 2.05 P. M. Forest fire on Bear Hill. Incendiary.

April 25, 7.20 P. M. Forest fire on Bear Hill. Incendiary.

April 27, 3 A. M. Engine house at North Purchase burned. 12 chairs, 2 tables and the old Hopedale extinguisher, together with the furniture of the North Purchase Sabbath school, including books, organ, fuel, etc., totally destroyed. No insurance. Loss \$1000. Incendiary.

May 16, 12.30 P. M. Fire discovered in a closet in a chamber over M. P. Callanan's store, Main street. Department arrived promptly and put out fire without the use of water. Cause unknown. Damage \$32.50. No insurance.

Nov. 4. Barn and contents in North Milford owned by Thos. O'Brien, partially destroyed. Insurance on barn, \$200; on contents, \$425. Insurance paid, \$178.50. Incendiary.

Dec. 23. Barn in North Milford owned by Bridget Moore, totally destroyed. Loss \$150. Insurance on contents, \$50. Incendiary.

## SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Property in charge of each company and the present condition of the same:—

Milford Steam Fire Engine No. 1, built by the Cole Brothers, Pawtucket, R. I., is in perfect condition, and is equipped with 1 set double harnesses, 1 pair lead bars, 1 whip, 1 pair blankets, 1000 ft. hose in good condition, 100 ft. hose in poor condition, 11 army coats, 2 rubber coats, 6 pairs spanners, 6 spanner belts, 6 drag ropes, 1 Siamese, 2 hydrant couplings, 1 hose bonnet, 1 wheel jack, 1 feather duster, poor, 1 black walnut table, 4 office chairs, 1 bedstead, 1 mattress, 2 pairs blankets, 2 comforters, 1 spread, 4 sheets, 4 pillows, 2 pillow-cases, 1 looking-glass, 1 chair, 1 carpet, 1 bureau, 2 nozzles.

Aaron Claflin Steam Fire Engine No. 2, built by the Amoskeag Co., Manchester, N. H., is in good condition and is in charge of N. B. Fairbanks, equipped with 1 set double harnesses, 1 Siamese, 2 hydrant wrench-



es, 1 crowbar, 1 axe, 2 hose jackets, 1 bucket, 50 ft. rope, 5 drag ropes, 5 spanner belts, 12 spanners, 1000 ft. hose, very good, 2 nozzles.

Excelsior Hook & Ladder Truck, built by E. B. Preston & Co., Chicago, Ill., is in excellent condition and equipped with 1 65-ft. Bangor ladder, 1 splice ladder, 45 ft., 1 wall ladder, 25 ft., 1 roof ladder, 25 ft., 1 roof ladder, 19 ft., 1 wall ladder, 11 ft., 1 roof ladder, 12 ft., 5 forks, 3 rakes, 18 army coats, 2 pick-axes, 2 axes, 5 lanterns, 4 in poor condition, 2 extinguishers in poor condition, 1 drag hook and pole, 3 fire blankets, 6 buckets, 2 iron bars, 1 wrench, 2 pike poles, 1000 ft. rope, 1 extra large rake, 65 ft. lawn hose, 2 stoves, 1 table, 1 oil can, 1 duster, 75 ft. old lawn hose, 2 gals. vitriol, 18 coat straps, 1 jack, 1 chamois, 1 broom, 1 box wheel grease, 1 sponge, 1 stove brush, 3 settees, 11 curtains and fixtures.

Wide Awake Hose Carriage No. 1, built by Abbott Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in fine condition, and equipped with 600 ft. red lined and 500 ft. fire jacket hose, 1 axe, 1 iron bar, 2 lanterns, 1 blanket, 11 woolen coats, 3 rubber coats, 6 spanners, 1 Siamese coupling, 7 drag ropes, 2 lanterns, 1 duster, 1 broom, 1 oil can, 1 hydrant wrench, 1 single harness, 1 sponge, 1 chamois, 2 nozzles.

Washington Hose Carriage No. 2, built by Abbott Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in fine condition, and equipped with 1300 ft. of serviceable hose, 100 ft. of burst hose, 1 iron bar, 1 pick-axe, 4 lanterns, 2 pipes, 2 nozzles, 3 hydrant wrenches, 1 Siamese coupling, 10 drag ropes, 5 spanner belts, 11 spanners, 15 woolen coats, 2 oil cans, 1 oiler, 1 wheel-jack, 2 reel cranks, 1 cap, 1 monkey wrench, 1 horse blanket, 1 set single harness, 1 feather duster, 1 chamois, 1 sponge, 1 stove and pipe for same, 1 settee.

William C. Gillman Hose Carriage No. 4, built by Abbott Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in fine condition, and equipped with 850 ft. of serviceable hose, 15 woolen coats, 3 drag ropes, 3 sets spanners, with belts, 2 lanterns, 1 axe, 1 iron bar, 2 pipes (1 brass and 1 linen), 1 Siamese, 1 sponge, 1 pail, 1 carriage jack, 1 stove and pipe for same, 6 chairs, 2 nozzles.

One Hook & Ladder Truck in reserve.

Property in the Engineers' room: 1 stove and pipe, 2 large office tables, 2 settees, 10 large office chairs, 6 rubber coats, 8 lanterns, 6 badges, 1 pipe and nozzle combined, 1 dozen candles.

There are four buildings owned and occupied by the Fire Department, located as follows: One on South Main street occupied by Steamers Nos. 1 and 2, in first class condition; one at Memorial Square occupied by Hose Companies Nos. 1 and 2, in very bad condition; one corner Spruce and Main streets occupied by Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, in very poor condition, and needs immediate repairs; if not attended to at once, we will find the truck in the cellar, some future day. The company has at the present time to keep planks under the wheels to keep them from going through; one building located on Central street and occupied by Hose Co. No. 4, in first class condition.

There are sixteen reservoirs situated in the thickly settled parts of the town, and four hydrants located in the depot district, suitable for steamers only, there not being force enough from them to throw a stream over any building. They have been very convenient in case of fire in this district, and have done good service and will continue so if properly cared for.

There are sixty-seven hydrants of the Milford Water Co. as located and accepted by the town.

# REPORT OF THE Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1887.

## DR.

Feb. 8, 1886,	To cash on hand,	\$100 18
May 17,	" " of Safford B. Boone, Lot No. 802,	10 00
" "	" " Wm. S. Crosby, Lot. No. 343,	10 00
" "	" " O. J. Allen and W. P. Leland,	
	Lot No. 801,	10 00
" "	" " D. C. Dewing, Lot No. 313,	8 00
" "	" " J. M. Wood, for wood sold,	1 50
June 4,	" " D. H. & A. W. Walcott, lot 394,	10 00
" 19,	" " W. F. Batchelder, child's grave,	2 00
" "	" " David Stimpson, lot No. 511,	8 00
Sept. 29	" " Lewis Hayden, Town Clerk,	100 00
" "	" " W. H. Davis, lot No. 509,	8 00
Oct. 5	" " J. S. Gray, for child's grave,	3 00
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		\$270 68

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By cash paid	Martin Jenkins, labor,	\$11 25
"	R. C. Hill, "	5 00
"	H. C. Skinner, "	10 00
"	Bushee & Johnston, "	6 00
"	Henry Hancock, "	166 50
By cash on hand,		71 93
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		\$270 68

There have been 30 interments in Vernon Grove Cemetery the past year.

The trustees recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the current expenses of the cemetery, and the further sum of fifty dollars to make improvements on the pond.

The terms of the Committee expire as follows: Geo. L. Maynard and Henry J. Bailey, 1887; Leonard Fairbanks and Isaac N. Crosby, 1888; H. C. Skinner and John M. Wood, 1889.

HENRY C. SKINNER,  
Secretary.



## Report of the Board of Health.

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TO THE SELECTMEN OF MILFORD.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health have the honor to report that during the year 1886 and '87, the usual classes of nuisances in about the average number have been complained of, examined into, and, so far as practicable, abated. Many of the nuisances occurring in the town are susceptible only of temporary removal, on account of our defective sewerage; and this fact is becoming more and more conspicuous as the use of the water of Milford Water Co. increases. Drains, which were adequate formerly to the removal of liquid detritus from different sections of the town, are now frequently overflowed and under the circumstances produce temporary nuisances, it is true, but, in many cases, of an aggravated type for the time being. This matter of sewerage was considered at considerable length in last year's report of this Board, and we can only reiterate more strongly the facts and arguments there given. The past year has not been characterized by the appearance of any severe or dangerous epidemic diseases in our midst, though fevers were probably more numerous than usual during the last summer and fall. An epidemic of Intermittent Fever prevailed quite extensively, during most of the year, in the lower sections of the town, as has been the case in many of our neighboring towns. The cause of the advent of a disease, till lately unknown in this section, is as yet undetermined; and it is therefore impossible at present to resist its advance. The belief that the coming year will see decided action taken by the town in the matter of sewerage, which belief passing events encourage, lessens the necessity of the Board going into a discussion of our sanitary condition, as it is to be hoped the matter will be thoroughly ventilated in the public meetings of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. MACKIN,	}	Board of Health.
JOHN M. EATON,		
LOWELL E. FALES,		

## Trustees of the Town Library.

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*Term expires 1887:* CHAS. A. DEWEY, JOSEPH F. HICKEY.

*Term expires 1888:* NATH'L F. BLAKE, OWEN F. CROUGHWELL.

*Term expires 1889:* VALENTINE N. RYAN.

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CHARLES A. DEWEY, Chairman.

OWEN F. CROUGHWELL, Secretary.

NATHANIEL F. BLAKE, Treasurer.

MARTIN J. KELLEY, Librarian.

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The last year has been a notable one for the Town Library, as the first year it has ever had an abiding place worthy of such a valuable institution. After having been located in very unsuitable quarters for so many years, it at length found a charming and permanent home in our noble Memorial Hall, a building which owes its existence to the generous public spirit of our fellow-citizens. We doubt not the patrons of the library sympathize most heartily with the trustees in grateful appreciation of this change for the better. The citizens of Milford may well take an honest pride in having such elegant quarters for their public library. Since the last annual report, the town has been divided by act of the legislature, an act by which we lost a considerable part of our population, and even more of our wealth. The appropriation of \$500 made at the March meeting was subsequently cut down to \$300, owing to the demand for retrenchment of expenses, caused by the division of the town. The amount actually appropriated was so small, that it would have been impossible to purchase any books, had there not been an unusually large balance of \$500 in the hands of the trustees, left over from the year preceding. We were obliged to incur considerable expense in providing suitable book-shelves and such settees for the waiting room as would be in keeping with the general environment of the library. We have also expended a large sum in buying new books, many of which, however, were bought to replace books which had outlived their usefulness as well as beauty, which were literally worn out in the public service. We have purchased a goodly number of substantial and valuable works and books of reference, which will be highly appreciated by those who have occasion to consult them. Our public library is now in an excellent condition, and is a credit to

the town, and we believe our fellow-citizens desire that it should remain such.

But one thing is much needed at the present time, and that is a supplementary catalogue. Six years have elapsed since the catalogue was issued, and since that time many volumes have been added to our list, and a supplement is necessary to make our later treasures available,—to inform the reading public as to the later volumes stored on our shelves. We trust such a supplement will be issued the coming year, but the issue will certainly cost something.

The town division early in the year caused a vacancy on the board, which has not yet been filled, but doubtless will be at the coming election.

There is now in the treasury only the small balance of about \$30, and there must be a larger appropriation than that of last year, if a supplementary catalogue is to be issued, or if any new books are to be bought; and so the trustees strongly and unanimously recommend that an appropriation of \$600 be made in behalf of the Town Library for the ensuing year.

C. A. DEWEY, Chairman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Nath'l F. Blake, Treasurer.

In account with Milford Town Library.

Feb. 12th, 1887.		DR.	
	Balance from last year's account,		\$519 93
Received	W. B. Clark & Carruth, error,		41 07
"	Town appropriation,		300 00
"	One-half Dog tax 1886,		318 89
"	Geo. G. Parker cancelled Insurance policies,		34 50
"	Hixon Bros., stove,		12 00
"	M. J. Kelley, fines,		37 98
"	M. J. Kelley, catalogues,		4 50
			\$1268 87
		CR.	
Paid	M. J. Kelley, Librarian,		\$300 00
"	" " " " Card catalogue,		12 00
"	" " " " Covering books,		10 62
"	F. M. Marcy, binding books,		91 00
"	Gardner & Co., settees,		125 40
"	W. H. Hooker, Bookcases,		70 00
"	T. E. Morse, Finishing cases,		7 45
"	Books,		541 20
"	Milford Gas Light Co., gas,		17 41
"	E. C. Claffin, covering paper,		7 66
"	Removal expenses,		33 15
"	Record books and supplies,		8 35
"	Freight and express,		12 88
"	Postage,		61
	Balance Cash on hand,		31 14
			\$1268 87



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN:—The twenty-eighth annual report is as follows:—

The library was opened in Memorial Hall on March 8, 1886, since which time 1305 cards have been issued. The circulation for the year ending February 5, 1887, was 25,009 volumes. The catalogue at the present time contains 7205 volumes, of which 197 have been added the past year. They have been placed in the different classes, as follows: History, 33; Biography, 20; Travels, 15; Science, 15; Miscellaneons, 15; Religion, 2; Fiction, 30; Juvenile, 12; Public Documents, 55.

Forty-three volumes were obtained from the U. S. government through the courtesy of our Congressmen; twelve were received from the Massachusetts legislature, the other volumes were purchased. Two hundred and forty-six books have been recently purchased which are not as yet catalogued. A large number of books and pamphlets were sent to the bindery in the early part of the year. They returned rebound and are now in circulation. The work of the library in detail will be seen in the accompanying schedule. The schedule does not contain 278 books which were taken by teachers for use in school work. A large number of valuable books on education have recently been purchased.

The books taken by patrons have been mostly those added since the printed catalogue was published, and having but one written catalogue from which to obtain numbers, they are put to some inconvenience in selecting. I should think it would be advisable to publish in some form a printed list of these books. If this is done it may enable patrons to discover many books which they would be pleased to read had they known of their being in the library. The system of drawing cards has been dispensed with; under the new arrangement the books are received and delivered without disorder and more rapidly.

A large number of catalogues are unsold, perhaps if the price was reduced, the revenue from that source would be greater than it is. The number of patrons is increasing rapidly and with the facilities now possessed by the library, there ought to be a much larger circulation the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN J. KELLEY, Librarian.

MONTHS.		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Total.	Days open.	Daily average.	Catalogues.	Fines.
March,	1886,	46	75	3	68	17	782	91	2	19	623	..	1726	19	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$1 00	\$ 19
April,	"	35	61	4	93	28	1084	111	6	30	633	..	2085	25	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 50	2 60
May,	"	79	82	2	125	18	1089	133	4	13	817	..	2362	25	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	3 28
June,	"	54	66	8	105	17	932	103	2	7	700	..	1994	26	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 00	4 27
July,	"	53	71	7	99	35	979	114	4	20	784	1	2167	26	83 $\frac{9}{16}$	1 00	3 22
August,	"	42	58	2	104	26	917	91	3	10	651	1	1905	26	73 $\frac{7}{8}$	.....	3 25
September,	"	55	75	8	122	27	1042	117	4	20	806	..	2276	26	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	3 08
October,	"	61	63	5	100	30	1487	122	2	18	902	..	2790	25	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	4 08
November,	"	58	79	3	123	32	1254	133	5	36	816	..	2539	25	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	3 46
December,	"	61	74	1	111	27	1132	132	4	34	678	..	2254	26	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	3 52
January, 1887,	"	50	69	4	103	45	1182	133	8	36	700	2	2332	25	83 $\frac{7}{8}$	.....	6 08
February,	"	14	18	2	25	10	318	27	2	3	161	..	579	5	115 $\frac{4}{5}$	.....	82
Totals,	.	608	788	49	1178	312	12198	1307	46	246	8270	4	25009	279	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 50	37 85

Largest daily circulation, October 9, 307.  
Smallest daily circulation, December 7, 29.  
No. of cards issued, 1305.



REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1886-7.

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MILFORD, MASS.:

G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.

1887.



## School Committee 1886-'87.

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CHARLES MACKIN,	Term expires	1887.
LOWELL E. FALES,	" "	1887.
GEORGE G. PARKER,	" "	1888.
GEORGE E. STACY,	" "	1888.
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,	" "	1889.
CHARLES E. WHITNEY,	" "	1889.

### ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE G. PARKER, Chairman,  
LOWELL E. FALES, Secretary.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLARD T. LEONARD.

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

#### *Rules and Regulations.*

LOWELL E. FALES, CHARLES MACKIN,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Teachers and Examinations.*

JOSEPH F. HICKEY, GEORGE E. STACY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Repairs.*

CHARLES MACKIN, CHARLES E. WHITNEY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Text-Books and Supplies.*

LOWELL E. FALES, GEORGE G. PARKER,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Fuel.*

CHARLES E. WHITNEY, JOSEPH F. HICKEY.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1887.

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The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1887.

The appropriation for schools at the annual meeting in March, 1886, was \$23,300. This was made before it was settled that the town was to be divided. The act of the Legislature, incorporating the town of Hopedale, was not approved till April 7, 1886. At a subsequent town meeting the appropriation for schools was reduced to \$20,000. This seemed a large reduction, as it could not be said that the annual cost of the education of all school-children within the limits of the new town would amount to \$3,300 under a united administration. But the Committee made every reasonable endeavor to keep down to the limit of appropriation as finally settled, and, in our final summing up at the close of the year, we find we have only exceeded it by \$100.93. To do this, it was found necessary to confine the privileges of the High School strictly to those who were legally entitled to admission, and thus make a saving in the cost of teaching. Last year the total cost of the High School was \$6,058.58, or \$39.60 per pupil, while in the Grammar schools the cost was only about \$17 per pupil. This year the cost of the High School will be about \$4,652.

While our school accommodations afford sufficient room for pupils now attending, if the various houses were conveniently located, and well suited to the purposes for which they are at present needed, yet the committee believe many advantages would be derived from the erection of a new and commodious school-house, on the town's land west of Memorial Hall. Objection has been repeatedly made to the further use of the Old Town House for school purposes. The town, at one time, appropriated \$500 for the improvement of this house, but later, rescinded the vote.

It is now fifteen years since a new schoolhouse has been built within the present limits of the town, and if the old brick one at the Town House is abandoned, a new one somewhere, will become a necessity. A building on the site named could also be made to supply the much needed accommodations for the evening school, where it could be made a popular and attractive, as well as useful part of our system of public education. Further experience under the law requiring towns to furnish text-books for all pupils, has confirmed the belief that it is the better method. As a general thing the books have been well preserved, and have suffered but little wilful damage in the hands of the pupils. Henceforth it will be the purpose of the committee, as it is their duty, to see that the regulation in regard to the abuse of school-books is strictly enforced, viz :—

“Books loaned to pupils by the town must not be marked upon with pencil or ink, and must be kept clean. If a pupil loses a book or so injures it that it is no longer fit for use, he shall pay for the same; or if he defaces any book or wilfully destroys any school supplies furnished him, he may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be dropped from his class until such injury has been made good by him.”

In view of the fact that, during the past year, every expense not absolutely required, has been avoided, it will be necessary to ask an increase of the appropriation, not only to meet the naturally and ordinarily increasing cost of schools in a growing town, but also to cover items of repair and improvement, in houses, furniture, and heating apparatus, without reference to the possible need of additional teachers, or to any advance in the pay of those now in service, or to a more generous outlay for evening schools. The Committee, therefore, recommend an appropriation of \$21,000 for all school purposes.

GEO. G. PARKER,  
GEO. E. STACY,  
CHARLES MACKIN,  
LOWELL E. FALES,  
CHAS. E. WHITNEY,  
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,  
Committee.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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The statement herewith submitted includes all bills contracted during the year ending Feb. 1, 1887, or left over from previous years, so far as known. Under the head of evening schools I have included only the salaries of teachers and janitors, and a bill for oil furnished for lights, which includes all the oil furnished for that purpose since the autumn of 1884. A large portion of this latter expense should have been paid and placed in previous reports, where most of it properly belongs. For a more correct statement of the actual running expenses of the school, see the Superintendent's report.

Milford's proportion of the State School Fund was made upon the basis of returns to the State Board of Education for May 1, 1885, and forwarded April 30, 1886, and therefore Hopedale as a town does not appear, and Milford has received what the whole territory embraced in the two towns was entitled to. The School Committee of Hopedale have made a request to us to pay over to them their proportional part of the amount, which would be about one tenth of this sum; the Milford Board declined to take any action in the matter, preferring to let them make their claim to the commissioners who are to be appointed to settle all disputes and differences, and make adjustments between the two towns. Should an allowance be made them out of our money received from the state, it would make a slight increase in the amount we have exceeded our appropriations.

The repair account for the year has been very small, as nothing but general and needed repairs, resulting from the ordinary wear and tear of the buildings, have been made.

We have received quite a substantial sum in the form of tuitions from scholars residing in other towns attending the High School, a large part of it being paid by the town of Hopedale for the courtesy extended in allowing her scholars to attend the school during the spring term of '86. As the Committee have



considered it advisable to diminish the number of teachers and lessen the expense of the school, we have refused all applications from out of town scholars, and therefore we shall not have this sum to depend on for the coming year.

It will be observed that there is a difference of \$3.83 between the Town Treasurer's report of money paid the School Department and the amount which I credit the schools with having received from him. This difference arises from the fact that the sum of \$3.83 was drawn after the Town Treasurer had closed his books for the year, and being needed to clean up bills that were due Feb. 1, I have placed it on the present account, while the Town Treasurer has carried it into the next year.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount voted by town at April meeting,	\$20,000 00
Tuition from out of town scholars,	281 80
Received from books sold at office, etc.,	94 79
Dog tax, one-half,	318 89
State school fund,	114 61
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	\$20,810 09

### EXPENSES.

Salaries of Teachers,	\$14,880 26
Salary of Superintendent,	1499 98
Salaries of Janitors,	929 05

### EVENING SCHOOL.

Salaries of Teachers and Janitors,	\$227 90.
M. P. Callaman, oil,	20 94
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	\$248 84

### FUEL.

Field Bros., coal,	\$149 26
L. A. Cook, coal,	617 05
H. A. Barney, wood,	53 50
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	\$819 81

### TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Text-books and supplies,	\$1266 49
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## REPAIRS.

Weed Bros. & Lent, general repairs, including fence in rear of Claflin school,	\$126 39
T. E. Morse, painting, etc.,	84 42
Chas. Bryant, repairing slate on roof,	11 95
Bartlett & Ellis, plumbing at High School, etc.,	29 31
A. S. Crofoot, repairing roof,	2 00
C. A. Ambler, labor and material,	5 75
Martin J. Kelly, painting fence,	4 00
John Taft, mason work,	31 50
Henry Willard, repairing steam apparatus, etc.,	9 60
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	\$304 92

## INCIDENTALS.

John Gleason, use of well, Hoboken,	\$ 3 00
W. T. Leonard, expenses, freight, etc.,	98 96
G. H. Whittemore, cleaning clocks,	3 25
Ann Fitzmaurice, use of well, Silver Hill,	2 00
J. L. Buxton, fitting keys, etc.,	6 23
Milford Savings Bank, rent,	20 83
Bartlett & Ellis, keys, locks, etc.,	4 25
J. W. Harris, cleaning stoves, brooms, brushes, etc.,	78 41
Richmond Stone, use of well two years at Purchase,	6 00
Cook & Sons, printing,	83 50
Ward P. Roberts, services as truant officer,	100 00
Milford Water Co., water rent,	107 00
Milford Gas Light Co., gas,	7 53
L. E. Fales, services as Secretary and expenses,	56 43
W. H. Hooker, repairing book-case,	25 87
Ide & Boyce, pokers, etc.,	3 00
G. M. Billings, printing,	44 50
Helotype Printing Co., diplomas,	17 00
R. A. Conner, labor on Park yard,	1 50
W. T. Leonard, cleaning schoolhouses,	80 00
A. S. Tuttle & Co., dusters, brushes, etc.,	19 15
E. Whitney & Co., sup. carb. lime,	7 20
T. F. Davoren, services as truant officer,	66 66
R. C. Eldridge, cleaning clocks,	5 50
Times Pub. Co., advertising,	2 00
C. A. Ambler & Co., hardware, etc.,	2 55
F. H. French, repairing clock,	75

Hopedale Machine Co., setting glass,	\$ 40
Dutcher Temple Co., repair of pencil sharpeners, etc.,	4 41
G. D. Wellington, use of well, Fountain St.,	5 00
H. W. Lull, programs for graduation,	12 00
G. A. Sherborne, moving piano for graduation,	6 00
H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas,	8 50
G. T. Fales & Co., ribbon for graduation,	3 00
C. F. Wight, tuning piano,	2 00
Michael J. Casey, use of well at Plains,	5 00
O. B. Parkhurst, " " Old Town House,	5 00
M. P. Callanan, soap for cleaning,	4 29
E. Shields, use of well at Deerbrook,	6 00
G. Drew, " " Fountain St.,	5 00
Town of Milford, Highway Dept., carting gravel,	38 00
John Madden, use of well, West St.,	5 00
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	\$962 67

## RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

Received from Town Treasurer,	\$20,445 04
" " tuitions,	281 80
" " books sold, etc.,	94 79
Cash on hand at beginning of school year,	89 39
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Whole amount expended,	\$20,911 02
Total appropriations,	20,810 09
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Exceeded total appropriations,	\$100 93

L. E. FALES, Secretary.

MILFORD, Feb. 17, 1887.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held this evening, it was voted to adopt the report of the Superintendent as a part of the report of the School Committee.

L. E. FALES, Secretary.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MILFORD.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the requirement of your regulations, I respectfully submit my second annual report of the public schools under your charge. It is the tenth of this department and covers the time from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1886.

It affords a subject for congratulation that the same cordial relations that marked the previous year still continue. Not only is there the harmony which arises from absolute confidence and trust between pupil and teacher in the several schools, but the same good feeling is manifest in their relation to the Superintendent and the Committee. No startling changes have marked the course of the year, rather the steady progress, we trust, which characterizes true advancement.

The division of the town in the early part of the year cut off four schools, though High School pupils from Hopedale were allowed to continue till the close of the summer term, upon payment of the regular tuition. This somewhat affects the general statistics, which are given below:—



## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

## I. POPULATION.

Population of Milford, census of 1880,	9,310
“ “ “ estimated, 1886,	9,300
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, residing in Milford, May, 1886,	1,550
Decrease from report of 1885,	157

## II. SCHOOLHOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied,	17
“ “ not occupied,	1
“ rooms occupied,	36
“ “ not occupied,	4
“ of sittings:—High school,	171
Grammar schools, Grades I.—IV.,	713
Primary schools, Grades V.—VIII.,	1,100
Ungraded schools,	214
Total,	2,198

## III. SCHOOLS.

High school,	1
Grammar schools,	11
Primary schools,	15
Ungraded schools,	5
Evening school,	1
Total,	33

## IV. TEACHERS.

High school, male teacher,	1
High school, female teachers,	2
	— 3
Grammar school teachers,	11
Primary school “	15
Ungraded school “	5
Drawing teacher,	1
Substitutes, paid for actual service,	2
Evening school, male teacher,	1
Total number of different teachers employed,	38
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of the Milford High school,	29

Number of teachers employed who are graduates of a Normal School or College,	10
Number of teachers employed who have attended College, Normal or Training school,	22
Number of cases of tardiness on part of teachers,	49
Number of half-days' absence of teachers,	51

## V. PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 14, May, 1886,	1550
Decrease,	157
Whole number of pupils registered in public day schools,	1636
Decrease,	91
Number of pupils registered between 5 and 8 years of age,	421
8 and 14 " "	928
14 and 15 " "	126
15 and 16 " "	79
Over 16 " "	82
Total,	<hr/> 1,636
Average number of pupils belonging to day-schools,	1,263
Average daily attendance at day schools,	1,160
Average per cent of attendance to number belonging,	91
Number of half days' absence,	32,083
Number of cases of tardiness,	2,538
Number of cases of dismissal,	1652
Number of cases of truancy,	101
Total enrollment evening school,	35
Average number belonging,	30.2
Average nightly attendance,	24.8
Per cent of attendance,	82.3

## VI. FINANCIAL.

Ordinary expenses of the schools,	\$19,599 61
Repairs of schoolhouses and general improvements,	304 92
Expenditures for books, supplies, etc.,	266 49
Total expenditures for the year,	<hr/> \$21,171 02
Value of new books, etc., on hand Feb. 1, 1886,	\$600 42
Value of new books, etc., on hand Feb. 1, 1887,	639 80
Received for books, etc., sold at office,	78 29

Net cost of books and supplies to the town,	1,148 82
Net cost of the schools to the town,	20,413 55
Average cost per pupil, based on whole enrollment, and including ordinary expense, text-books, supplies and repairs,	12 47
Average cost per pupil, based on average number belonging, including the same items of expense,	16 16
Average cost per pupil, based on average daily attendance,	17 59
Cost of Evening school,	320 81
Average cost per pupil, based on average number belonging,	10 62
Average cost per pupil, based on average nightly attendance,	12 92

### EXPENDITURES.

It will be seen from the above that the total expenditures for the year were \$21,171.02. The difference between these figures and those given by the Secretary arises from the fact that a part of the coal for the school year of 1885-6, contracted and paid for before the first of February, owing to the limited capacity of the bins and for convenience, was not delivered until after that date. This coal is charged to the account of the several schools for the past year and from this the difference arises. If, from the total expenditures, the value of books and supplies on hand, the cost of books sold and the difference between the value of books on hand Feb. 1, 1886 and Feb. 1, 1887 be deducted, there will remain \$20,413.55, the net cost of the schools to the town. The expense per pupil, based on the whole enrollment, is \$12.47; based on the average number belonging, \$16.16; last year these items were \$14.19 and \$18.50 respectively, and the year before, \$15.62 and \$19.54; and this in spite of the merited increase in the teachers' salaries. An itemized report of the cost of each school will be found in the Appendix.

The position in which the town is placed demands the most rigid economy in all departments. This should be understood in its truest sense, and does not mean or imply the withholding of anything which is needed to maintain the high standard of our schools. The Committee have kept this constantly in view, and while there has been a merited increase in the salary of the teachers of the lower grades, no waste or extravagance has been allowed. A liberal policy in school appropriations is wise, and is sanctioned by business prudence as well as far reaching sagacity.



We believe there is a consensus of opinion in this respect among all the citizens of the town and that money for educational purposes is most freely given. Among the advantages of our beautiful town, the schools are mentioned with pride, and are a potent factor in the choice of a location for business or a permanent residence. We bespeak, then, that generous support which will enable the town, not only to hold its own in the march of progress, but to keep step with the most advanced thought of our times.

Plainly the main purpose of the schools is to prepare the pupil for the great struggle of life. While not wholly ignoring the physical and the moral, their main work is a careful and patient training of the mind. To this they bend all their energies; the courses of study are arranged with reference to this, and those books selected which will best facilitate the purpose; each subject is so treated as to be a preparation for something higher, and nothing is brought in that does not harmonize with what precedes and follows. Our system of graded schools takes a pupil from the lowest Primary through the High School with no break, while the admission to College by certificate seems to point to the time when there shall be realized here Prof. Huxley's aspiration for Great Britain, that the state shall provide a ladder reaching from the gutter to the University, along which every child shall have the chance of climbing so far as he is fit to go. This is as it should be, if the common schools are to reach their maximum. For the colleges are not pushed up by the lower schools, but the excellence and high standard of the Universities elevate the character of all the system below. This connection of popular with higher instruction is much closer in Europe than with us or in England, and to it Matthew Arnold attributes the superiority of the German schools. We have builded well so far as we have gone, and our system of schools is justly commended; but our aim should ever be higher, lest we fall into mediocrity. Indeed, in this lies our greatest peril, for as the same eminent author remarks, "the common and average thing is our danger; it is comparatively easy of attainment, but no true friend of education will be satisfied so long as this is attained and nothing more."

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

The advance in Arithmetic has been in the direction of practical application. Large numbers of concrete problems have been



given in all grades, but especially has this been prominent in the Primary schools. In the lower Primary rooms the pupils deal with the real things, and ideas of number and their relations are acquired by use of blocks or sticks which are daily handled. From these the children make up examples or stories, and the constant repetitions necessary partake of the nature of real business, and what was formerly dull routine is now instinct with life and mental energy. The Grammar grades work in the same direction, but while accuracy was chiefly sought in the Primary, rapidity as well as accuracy is demanded here. Ease and rapidity require a large number of examples and if facility only is sought, abstract examples are good, while the power of logical analysis and mathematical skill require concrete examples, and those that involve difficulties. Absolute accuracy should be insisted on in every case, and the analysis should be repeated until it is clear to every mind.

In Geography the change is no less radical, though less plainly marked. A change in purpose naturally involves a change in methods and produces different results. Still, whether the purpose be mental discipline, a more vivid imagination, a basis for business, political life, historical study or literary recreation, essentially the same general method is used. Memorizing descriptive Geography is a thing of the past, and it would be considered a sign of weakness and incapacity for a teacher to conduct a recitation in that way. Rather the physical features of the country, the condition of the soil, the vicinage of river or ocean, the peculiarity of the climate, with their dependence upon and relation to each other, are made the basis for determining the chief productions of a country, the leading occupations and social conditions of the inhabitants. Cause and effect, the working of natural laws, business principles, the characteristics of the time, even its fashions and follies, all assist in forming an intelligent opinion. History, literature, fiction, travel and story, magazines and illustrated papers, the current news of the day, contribute their share to the common fund. Isolated facts and dry details are perceived to possess a relation never before suspected, and a fascination formerly quite unknown. This study, which was pursued for information merely, is now recognized as a means of culture second to none in our common schools.

In Writing the conditions are much the same as in the last report. A pupil begins to write on his entrance to the school, at

first with slate and pencil, soon with paper, while the third year finds him using pen and ink with formal copy-books. From the first his attention has been directed to those principles which underlie true success in penmanship, and his efforts in the Primary grades are truly commendable. In the other grades, while the work in the writing-books is fair, the general work as shown by exercises, compositions and written examinations is far from praiseworthy. A good penman writes rapidly as well as legibly, and for this much practice is necessary. Yet the increased amount required in these grades is made the excuse for less satisfactory results. It is true that rapid writing easily degenerates into illegibility, but careful effort and unremitting attention on the part of both teacher and pupil will produce results creditable alike to all.

The crowded curriculum and the demands upon the time of teacher and pupil have wellnigh crowded out the oral instruction. Yet with a teacher well informed and enthusiastic, no time is better spent, or yields more valuable results, not more from the knowledge actually acquired, than from the method employed and the habit of careful investigation and scientific inquiry. By this means the elements of science may be taught so as to prove of great value in the pursuit of the study in the High School or College, while those who leave school may obtain a knowledge of common things useful in the practical concerns of life. To be of most worth this will begin in the lowest Primary, with lessons to develop the idea of color, form, and the qualities of objects; conversations on familiar plants and animals, lessons on the human body; and observations of nature and common things. Year by year these lessons go deeper and broader, till at the end of the course the pupil has no mean knowledge of familiar things, and has habits of scientific thought which are invaluable.

The change in Grammar is significantly marked by the changed name—Language Lessons. The correct use of the English tongue, whether in writing or speaking, is the great purpose of the study today. The uses of words and sentences are developed by repeated exercises. Every lesson is made an exercise in oral composition. Pupils are carefully trained to express their thoughts clearly, and thus with little technical grammar the correct relation between practice and theory is sought.

The use of many books under the head of Supplementary Reading is a prominent feature of many schools. No doubt a reform

was much needed, indeed, nothing could be drier and more monotonous than the reading in many schools. Now there is much to attract the attention and stimulate the imagination and the love for reading. Children naturally long for that which is fresh and sparkling, and that this should be supplied is consistent with the best educational growth. This reading may be ennobling and may appeal directly to the best elements of our nature; it may foster a love of country, a spirit of truth and justice, and all the moral virtues; if properly guided, it may lead to good habits in reading and the choice of that which is best in history, biography and fiction. That these results may be realized, much care must be exercised. An undue cultivation of the imagination leads to false views of life and the formation of incorrect ideals, while on the other hand the selections and the training may be such as will best prepare for the real work of the future. "Life is real, life is earnest," and in this real, earnest life, hard work, persistent toil, holds the first place. No greater lesson than this can be learned. "Of all work," said the Bishop of Exeter, "that produces results, nine tenths must be drudgery. There is no work, from the highest to the lowest, which can be done well by any man who is unwilling to make that sacrifice." Success in school-life depends upon this principle. Let the underlying principles of a new truth be fully explained and clearly understood; but when it comes to the application of those principles, the pupil must work.

#### AVERAGE AGE.

	Yrs.	mos.
Average age of pupils, First class, High School,	17	3
Second " "	16	2
Third " "	15	7
Fourth " "	14	11
First Class, Grammar school,	14	1
Second " "	13	1
Third " "	12	6
Fourth " "	11	6

This table gives the average age of the pupils in the High and the Grammar schools. Comparisons with other towns and cities are always instructive if properly used, and when drawn from a wide section of country enable us to judge accurately of our standing. A comparison of the ages of High School pupils in cities taken from Maine to Nebraska shows that the age here compares favorably with that of pupils elsewhere. The courses



of study are adapted to the wants of those who are preparing for further study, as well as for business and the practical affairs of life. It is essentially the same as in other first-class High Schools. The above table also shows that the scholars are mature enough to understand and properly appreciate the branches of study there taught. The real reason, then, of any failure to maintain a proper position in the class lies in the individual and his special circumstances, rather than in the school. A careful inquiry into any particular case will undoubtedly lead to the same conclusion.

Akin to this is the question of over-pressure in the schools. It may be proper to state in this connection the fact that the school authorities have their attention called by parents to twenty cases where advancement is desired to one where complaint is made of over-study. In the four years of Primary school life the pupils are not required or encouraged to study at all out of school. In the Grammar grades it is more satisfactory if a little Arithmetic be performed out of school by the lower half of the class. In the upper classes and in the High School scholars are expected to prepare one lesson out of school, though probably one half of the pupils do not find this a necessity. An experience of more than twenty years in the school-room convinces me that the cases of injury to a *healthy pupil* from required study are very rare, if not wholly unknown. In this connection I quote from the report of Dr. Moran, special instructor in Hygiene in the Boston schools, whose opportunities for forming an intelligent opinion on this subject are unsurpassed: "As one interested in school-work, and for the past ten years in very close relation with school studies and management, knowing something from my own experience and observations as a pupil in the various grades of our city schools; as one observing the effects of study on my own children and those of my neighbors; and, as a physician, frequently consulted as to the health of school-children, I am free to say I have not yet seen sufficient evidence to convince me that the amount of study required in the schools of Boston is detrimental to the good physical condition of children *otherwise healthy*. I assume that the schools are established for healthy, and not for sickly, pupils, and should be judged accordingly. I do not believe that the amount of mental application now imposed is greater than will be found to have been required from school-children at any time in the whole history of education, since schools were first established,



ages ago. And, further, I do not believe that the human race has so degenerated that the mind of a child of these times, born with an average healthy constitution, and properly fed, clothed, and trained at home, and surrounded by good sanitary conditions in school, is not able to bear as much work as the mind of the average child who might have lived one hundred or five hundred years ago. The influences of food, clothing, sanitation, etc., alluded to, would apply, if anywhere, to the children of the humbler classes; but we hear little or no complaint from them about overwork in schools."

While the above applies to children "otherwise healthy," it is only too true that there is an increasingly large class of which it cannot be fully asserted. The prevalence of nervous diseases is one of the peculiarities of our time. The mortality of early infancy has been reduced. Through a wide range of scientific knowledge and the dissemination of correct physiological principles among the mass of the people, many feeble children now survive and come into the schools with weak bodies and still weaker nerves. They attempt the same courses, and parents and teachers strive together to keep them up to the same standard as the rest. To this class belong those liable to be injured by continued study. The difficulty requires patience and moderation from both parents and teachers.

### NUMBERS AND AGES.

The following table gives the number of pupils enrolled during the year past:—

Number of pupils under 6 years,	148
“ “ 7 “	138
“ “ 8 “	135
“ “ 9 “	140
“ “ 10 “	165
“ “ 11 “	149
“ “ 12 “	163
“ “ 13 “	121
“ “ 14 “	190
“ “ 15 “	126
“ “ 16 “	79
“ over 16 “	82
Total,	<hr/> 1636

This table shows a very gratifying result, proving how strong a hold the schools have upon the pupils and the community. It will be seen that, aside from slight fluctuations, the numbers hold their own for nine years, reaching their maximum at fourteen. This is in marked contrast with other cities having excellent schools, where the maximum is at seven, with a constant decrease, so that at fourteen the number is only one third the enrollment at seven. If children can thus be kept under the control of good influences and sound instruction, the duty of the town in this respect will be fully met. They will be furnished with the elements of good citizenship and be qualified to compete successfully in the battle of life.

### PROFESSIONAL READING.

Since teaching is becoming both a science and an art, thoughtful teachers welcome all means of improvement and strive to thoroughly prepare themselves for their tasks. One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the increasing desire to know the underlying truths—the psychological basis upon which the science of education rests, together with the modifications necessary to produce the best results in their local application. The number of books recently published upon the science of pedagogy shows that the professional spirit is thoroughly aroused. Charlatanism and indifference have had their day. None but the fittest need expect to survive the keen competition and meet the demands of this enlightened time. This study of the principles involved, together with additional experience in their application to the practical work of the school-room, is productive of good results. The teachers have formed a reading circle for the study of the History and the Philosophy of Education, and the voluntary attendance at these meetings gives promise of satisfactory results in the future. Nothing so affects the schools as the character and ability of the teachers. Experience clearly proves that no outside effort can render a poor teacher's work acceptable, and the circumstances are rare that can hinder the progress of pupils under the care of a good teacher. Our teachers, as a rule, are faithful and devoted to their schools, and, though differing widely in point of ability to teach, natural and acquired, are desirous of improvement. It is a mistake to suppose that every young woman who has passed through our schools possesses the necessary qualifications of a teacher, or that because she is a graduate of our High School and is "fond of children" she has a

claim upon the town and is thereby entitled to a school. There is an increasing conviction both here and elsewhere that candidates for positions in our schools should give evidence of most exact and careful preparation, and should generally be graduates of Normal Schools or Colleges, and not only that, but should also be of such a progressive tendency as will enable them to keep in the van of the educational movement of the age. The environment of a teacher's home has much to do with her fitness for her position, and, as has been said above, her thirst for culture and her readiness and willingness "to gather and examine what has been done by those who have been engaged therein, and whose position or success has given them a right to be heard." The fallacy that a person just in advance of her class is best prepared to anticipate and remove the obstacles in their way, has long since been exploded. Now the broadest scholarship, the ripest culture, together with the graces of the loveliest character are thought none too good for the humblest place in our schools, none too accomplished and wise to be entrusted with the care of our children in the formative period of their lives, when impressions for good are so easily made and when mistakes are attended with such direful results.

## TENURE OF OFFICE OF TEACHERS.

The last Legislature passed the following act:—

### CHAPTER 313.

An Act Relating to the Tenure of Office of Teachers. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECT. I. The school committee of any city or town may elect any duly qualified person to serve as a teacher in the public schools of such city or town during the pleasure of such committee: *provided*, such person has served as a teacher in the public schools of such city or town for a period of not less than one year.

SECT. II. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The above was approved June 22, 1886, and is important, not so much for what it actually gives, as indicating the drift of public opinion and as a move in the right direction. Several years of agitation and an able presentation of all phases of the subject convinced those who had doubts, and united all friends in support of the measure. The purpose of the law is to protect faithful teachers against hasty or partisan action, and at the same time secure and retain the best service for the schools. No doubt the friends of the measure were more interested in the growth and



development of the system of education than in the retention of any teacher or class of teachers. This law enables committees to elect competent persons of not less than a year's service to positions in the public schools, without the anxiety or the formality of an annual election. They can now, if they choose, make contracts with the teachers just as in any other business, retaining those who are faithful and efficient so long as acceptable service is rendered, and no longer. Under the above, the teachers in the Milford schools were elected for one year.

The act relating to Evening High Schools affects only the larger cities, and is of no special interest to Milford.

### MANUAL TRAINING.

Much is said and written concerning the advantages of manual training for schools. The advocates of the simple use of tools for boys, and sewing, cutting, fitting and cooking for girls, as a part of regular school duty, are many. In many places the experiment, if such it may be called, is in operation. In Boston these branches are systematically and regularly taught, and the friends of the measure are enthusiastic over the success. So of the simple use of tools. No doubt these are valuable and useful acquisitions in both a pecuniary and practical point of view. Since in this respect all stand on the same level, it is fair that the state or town pay the bills, and give each less favored child an equal chance with the rich. This action can be defended on the ground of increased benefit to the individual and the community as a whole, and rests upon the same general foundation as our common school education. This differs widely from the Auchmuty schools of New York, or trades schools, as they are called, where special practice is given in particular occupations, or from any form of manual training directed to an end apart from the general good. But it is a fallacy to suppose that such training gives intellectual grip or moral power. The reflex influence of the hand upon the mind is of the slightest, and history proves that mere physical labor has never educated any nation or raised it in the scale of intellect or morals. The serfs of Europe and the coolies of Asia have never been greatly improved in intellect or character by labor. Compare the slaves of our own country and their advancement during a hundred years of toil, with the freedmen and their twenty years of education of today. While on the other hand all history shows that it is the mind which gives cunning to the



hand. The late Dr. C. O. Thompson of Worcester gives us a special application of this truth when, as the result of long experience in polytechnic schools, he says that students who have been thoroughly trained in Latin master the sciences and technical studies more readily than students who have not had such training. This is the universal experience in the best schools of Germany as well as of our own land. That "'tis the mind that makes the body rich" seems to be not only poetry, but true philosophy. The schools have a field of their own broad enough to require the exercise of all the powers of the mind to the fullest extent. Whether the advantages of manual training afford sufficient reason for adding them to the already over-burdened curriculum of our schools, is a question requiring careful consideration.

### PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

In accordance with the act of the Legislature of last year, making the study of Physiology and Hygiene obligatory in all public schools, a text-book was placed in the hands of the teachers and general instruction given in all grades. "The primary object desired by this enactment is that the pupils in our schools shall be thoroughly informed as to—first, the physical, mental and moral consequences of narcotic habits, and second, that they shall understand such other laws of health as will teach them how to care for their bodies." There is no expectation that the instruction will partake of the scientific and technical character of the medical schools, but give a practical, common-sense view of these subjects. Our intention is to make the instruction which was general and cursory the first year more and more exact and definite as the pupil becomes prepared for it, and subject to the regular tests of examination. Such a course should give a pupil a knowledge of the fundamental truths of this science which he may use throughout his life in preserving his bodily health and in preventing disease. These fundamental truths are neither so numerous nor so difficult to be understood that the pupils in our schools, with proper instruction, may not acquire such knowledge of them as will be of great practical value.

### SILVER HILL.

The school at Silver Hill was closed on the 19th of February, at the close of the seventh week of the term. The number of scholars had diminished so that there were but seven enrolled,

with an average attendance during the last month of less than five, while day after day there were but two pupils present. When the school was full the cost per pupil was more than three times that of a pupil in some of the schools in the centre of the town, and it did not seem just to the tax-payers that this large expense should be incurred, especially since the few pupils could be distributed in the nearest schools at no serious inconvenience to any, and with great advantage to some. The local school districts were years ago abolished by law, and those towns which discard entirely such divisions find the efficiency of the schools increased at a great saving of money. Upon the petition of a number of citizens of the neighborhood, the Committee decided recently to open the school again in the spring, and continue later than the other schools, if necessary.

### EVENING SCHOOL.

If the town wishes to meet the educational needs of all its citizens, evening schools are imperatively demanded. Under the old district system young men and women remained in school until eighteen or twenty years of age. This maturity, joined with a fuller appreciation of their necessities and advantages, more than compensated for the shortened time of the term. Now with our continued session nearly all the pupils are through before sixteen, while a very large number have been out of school for some years. Even if one of these older pupils should desire to attend school, the absence of companions of his own age is sufficient to prevent him from carrying out his purpose. The result is a large class of young persons of both sexes with little education, often with still less desire for it, and without settled views of life. From this class the ranks of the idle and aimless, the vicious and the unfortunate, are easily recruited. An available remedy is the evening school. The last legislature passed an act requiring an Evening High School in the larger cities on the application of a certain number of pupils. All the large towns freely furnish instruction suited to the needs of an ordinary education. In such circumstances these schools should be crowded, and in some cases are so, while in others the lack of numbers shows the entire absence, not only of enthusiasm, but even of appreciation. Our own school must be classed with the latter. With free books, good accommodations and an able, enthusiastic teacher, while there should have been two hundred pupils, the daily average is less than

twenty-five. Such an unsatisfactory result affords matter for serious reflection on the part of all thinking citizens. The causes lie deeper than the surface, and are seen and felt in many ways affecting the present and future welfare of the town. While believing in the most economic administration of school affairs, we think it for the best interest of the town to support an evening school, open three evenings each week, from October to May, for instruction in any study now taught in our day schools, on the application of a sufficient number to render the class profitable. We believe such a school, with proper teachers, would receive a generous patronage and quickly demonstrate its usefulness and practicability.

### DRAWING.

The interest in this department has been fully sustained, and the prediction of the last report realized. At the close of the term in June, Miss Smith declining a reappointment, Miss Jessie N. Prince of the Normal Art School was chosen, and entered with enthusiasm upon her work. Several months were spent in a careful examination into the needs of each school, personal instruction given in every room, and frequent grade meetings for instruction and consultation held. After thus becoming thoroughly conversant with our needs and resources, she felt there would be no serious loss to the town if she accepted the repeated solicitations of Quincy to take charge of the drawing there in connection with the work here, and now her time is shared between these towns. This plan, while relieving the Drawing teacher of no part of her responsibility, brings the regular teacher of the room into closer relations with the pupils of this department, and is productive of the best results. At the present time flat copies are almost wholly discarded and the actual object used instead, while working views and the correct interpretation of specifications and perspective are brought into prominence. Experience clearly demonstrates that the instruction which is not based throughout its course upon the actual object or model, is not the best instruction and that any lack of attainment is largely due to a violation of this principle; and not only so, but in the lower grades especially it is essential that the object or model should be as perfect as possible, that the conception of form in the child's mind may be a true one. Accuracy of form is directly connected with beauty of form and proportion, which have much to do in



creating and fostering an artistic taste. A systematic course of drawing has an important bearing upon the intellectual development of the pupils. The training of the eye and the deftness of the hand stimulate the observing powers, quicken the imagination, and aid the general mental culture. While all are thus gainers in mental power they are also possessed of the knowledge and skill which will enable them successfully to master the details of any of the mechanical arts.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

Miss Lizzie F. Toomey died of consumption after a brief illness, Sept. 28. She was educated in the public schools, and after graduation in the High School was elected to the position of teacher, and taught in Hopedale and also in the Claflin School. In this capacity she won the respect of her associates and the love of her pupils, all of whom keenly felt her loss. She was a most estimable young lady, whose many amiable qualities and accomplishments gained for her a large circle of friends.

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### CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

#### TEACHERS APPOINTED DURING THE YEAR.

Miss E. N. Smith, Drawing, January.  
 Miss Nellie Hinsley, Hopedale 2, January.  
 Miss M. A. Aylward, Braggville, April.  
 Miss A. E. Sullivan, Substitute, April.  
 Miss J. E. Travis, Park 4, September.  
 Miss M. J. Kelly, South Grammar 4, September.  
 Miss L. Madden, West Street 1, September.  
 Miss J. N. Prince, Drawing, September.  
 Miss L. Hayward, Substitute, September.  
 Miss A. J. Gannett, Park 2, October.  
 Miss F. N. Eastman, Substitute, October.  
 Mr. J. H. Wood, Evening, October.



## TRANSFERS.

Miss C. Y. Wentworth, Hopedale 2 to Park 4, January.

Miss E. L. Baldwin, Park 4 to Park 2, January.

Miss M. J. Kelly, Claflin 3 to Hopedale 3, January.

Miss L. F. Toomey, Hopedale 3 to Claflin 3, January.

Miss C. V. Sadler, So. Grammar 2 to So. Grammar 1, February.

Miss M. F. Aylward, So. Grammar 4 to So. Grammar 2, Feb.

Miss A. O. Cheney, Silver Hill to So. Grammar 4, February.

Miss S. R. Broderick, Braggville to No. Purchase Gram., April.

Miss A. O. Cheney, So. Grammar 4 to Braggville, September.

Miss K. McNamara, West Street 1 to Claflin 3, September.

Looking at our schools as a whole, I can think of nothing that would increase their value so much as to extend the time of the school year from thirty-six to forty weeks. This is the time given almost universally in the cities and larger towns, and Milford should offer educational advantages not to be excelled. Again, the longer the time the schools are in session the less the proportional cost. There would be no increased amount for plant, books and general expenses. The most of the lengthened time would come in June, and thus but little more coal would be needed; the increased cost would be slight.

Statistics show us that when the age is reached when scholars can legally leave for work, large numbers avail themselves of the opportunity. It is but just, then, to those whose time is unfortunately limited, to furnish as many weeks of schooling as possible during the years they can devote to study. Of course people of wealth can and do supplement the education of their children by special instruction and outside courses of study, but the many are restricted to the public schools, whose value would be greatly enhanced by the longer term. We desire to call special attention to this subject, believing it the most important of any affecting the schools at the present time.

If our citizens can feel that the increased advantages so generously provided result in a nobler manhood and womanhood, if honor, truth and integrity are made equal factors with intellect and culture in the education given, then will our schools receive that moral support and hearty sympathy without which their best efforts are but little short of failure.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools.

# APPENDIX.

TABLE I. ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS FROM JAN. 1, 1886, TO JAN. 1, 1887.

SCHOOLS.	Grades.	Total Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance Belonging.	No. Half Days' Absences.	No. Cases of Tardiness.	No. Cases of Dismissal.	No. Cases of Corporal Punishment.	No. Cases of Truancy.	Visits of Superintendent.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Others.	TEACHERS.
HIGH.	4 Classes	159	129.9	127.9	98.5	798	129	79	0	0	41	1	32	H. W. Lull. Miss M. A. Parkhurst. Miss Alice C. Jones.
PARK GRAMMAR.	I	48	33.2	31.8	95.6	517	15	12	2	1	21	2	28	Miss M. J. Kelly.
	II	44	32.7	31	94	549	38	33	11	0	20	2	30	Miss A. J. Gannett.
	III	49	37.4	31.6	84.5	689	44	24	1	2	30	1	25	Miss H. M. Broderick.
	IV	54	41.2	39.2	95	672	79	76	5	16	23	1	34	Miss J. E. Travis.
SOUTH GRAMMAR.	I	52	39.3	34.6	88	434	45	52	4	1	22	1	20	Miss C. V. Sadler.
	II	41	33	31.4	95.3	463	116	100	3	2	23	2	8	Miss M. F. Aylward.
	III	54	41.8	38.7	91.4	1316	110	101	4	8	26	1	9	Miss E. S. Rogers.
	IV	60	42.6	39.8	93.2	1048	220	192	*6	5	34	2	26	Miss M. J. Kelly.
NORTH GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.	I & II	41	28.5	27.3	95.6	468	28	20	1	2	23	2	15	Mrs. K. E. Edwards.
	III & IV	64	50.6	45.3	89.5	1871	97	75	9	11	26	2	23	Miss M. F. Devine.
	V & VI	69	36.4	32.6	89.5	1071	132	27	16	6	16	2	15	Miss S. F. Burns.
	VII & VIII	107	77	71.4	92.7	2046	142	12	16	8	27	2	14	Miss M. E. Cochran.
CLAFLIN.	V	44	41.2	37	90	930	95	53	18	7	24	2	16	Miss A. B. Chapin.
	VI	51	45.1	41.8	92.6	1208	115	54	8	3	22	2	15	Miss L. Smith.
	VII	45	36.3	33.4	91.9	1376	67	34	1	12	21	3	35	Miss K. McNamara.
	VIII	59	54.6	49	89	1950	172	7	0	11	27	2	53	Miss K. Chapin.
NO. PURCHASE GRAMMAR. " PRIMARY.	I, II, III, IV V to VIII	48	32	26	81	730	65	17	2	0	10	0	12	Miss S. R. Broderick.
		40	33	29.7	90	845	90	18	0	0	10	0	13	Miss E. O. Taylor.
TOWN HOUSE.	V, VI VII, VIII	56	45.5	43.6	96	893	120	89	9	4	18	2	66	Mrs. A. L. Bell.
		67	57.9	53.4	92.2	1649	48	27	5	0	30	3	87	Miss J. M. Barry.
CHAPIN STREET.	V, VI VII, VIII	47	43.5	41	94.3	925	101	172	4	0	18	1	39	Miss S. E. Sheldon.
		63	59.2	53	89.4	2117	68	106	3	0	18	0	69	Miss E. A. Devine.

WEST STREET.	V, VI VII, VIII	35 47	33.8 42	30 35	88.8 83	1090 2534	56 24	83 46	4 4	0 2	18 18	3 5	41 58	Miss L. Madden. Miss M. T. Kirby.
HOBOKEN.	VII, VIII	42	31.5	29.1	92.3	618	39	22	3	0	13	0	27	Miss A. T. Gleason.
FOUNTAIN STREET.	V to VIII	31	25.6	23.9	92.9	716	29	17	0	0	11	0	15	Miss S. E. Inman.
BRAGGVILLE.	UNGRADED.	25	17.4	14.7	84	793	95	63	5	0	14	0	21	Miss A. O. Cheney.
BEAR HILL.		19	14.2	12.6	88.7	573	30	17	0	0	11	1	18	Miss J. L. Devine.
DEER BROOK.		14	13	11	84.8	575	14	8	0	0	10	0	38	Miss A. A. Conroy.
CITY.		18	14	13.2	94	619	115	14	8	0	10	0	16	Miss N. F. Gorman.

\* Since September.



TABLE II.

Showing the total cost of each school, the average cost per pupil from February 1, 1886, to February 1, 1887, based on the total expenditures and the average number belonging.

SCHOOLS.	Grammar Rooms.	Primary Rooms.	Average No. Belonging.	Av'ge Daily Attendance.	Cost per Pupil.	Total Cost.	REMARKS.
High.....	.....	.....	129.9	127.9	\$35 81	\$4652 43	Four classes.
Park .....	4	.....	144.5	133.7	16 81	2429 07	Four grades.
North Grammar.....	2	2	192.5	176.5	12 10	2329 99	Eight grades.
South Grammar .....	4	.....	156.7	144.4	15 34	2405 10	Four grades.
No.Purchase Grammar	1	.....	32	26	17 08	546 54	Four grades.
No.Purchase Primary.	.....	1	33	29.7	13 71	452 57	Four grades.
Clafin.....	.....	4	177.2	161.1	11 05	1958 15	Four grades.
Town House.....	.....	2	103.4	97	9 52	984 39	Four grades.
Chapin St.....	.....	2	102.6	94	8 97	921 20	Four grades.
West St.....	.....	2	75.8	65	12 11	917 85	Four grades.
Hoboken .....	.....	1	31.5	29	13 56	427 26	Two grades.
Fountain St.....	.....	1	25.6	23.9	18 08	463 06	Four grades.
Braggville .....	.....	.....	17.4	14.7	27 74	482 73	Ungraded.
Bear Hill.....	.....	.....	14.2	12.6	31 39	445 68	Ungraded.
Deer Brook.....	.....	.....	13	11	33 54	436 11	Ungraded.
City.....	.....	.....	14	13.2	31 23	437 29	Ungraded.
Evening... ..	1	.....	30.2	25	10 62	320 84	One class.

TABLE III. TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS, JANUARY, 1887.

NAMES.	GRADE.	RESIDENCE WHEN ELECTED.	RESIDENCE.	YEAR ELECTED.	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
H. W. Lull,	High,	Manchester, N. H.	Jefferson St.	1880	\$ 1700	Harvard College.
Miss M. A. Parkhurst,	"	Milford,	Court Square.	1879	500	Milford High School and Boston Normal.
Miss Alice C. Jones,	"	Stoneham,	School St.	1883	500	Wellesley College.
Miss M. J. Kelly,	Grammar,	Milford,	2 Claflin St.	1873	600	Milford High School and Training.
Miss A. J. Gannett,	"	North Scituate,	Congress St.	1886	378	Salem Normal.
Miss H. M. Broderick,	"	Milford,	15 Pine St.	1879	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss J. E. Travis,	"	Holliston,	No. Mechanics.	1886	342	South Hadley Seminary.
Mrs. K. E. Edwards,	"	Milford,	Summer St.	1875	600	Milford High School and Training.
Miss Mary F. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1875	378	Milford High School.
Miss Carra V. Sadler,	"	"	25 Pine St.	1873	600	Milford High School and Training.
Miss Estelle S. Rogers,	"	Holliston,	58 Congress St.	1884	342	Salem Normal.
Miss Mary F. Aylward,	"	Milford,	285 Main St.	1876	378	Milford High School.
Miss M. J. Kelly,	"	"	High St.	1877	342	Milford High School.
Miss S. R. Broderick,	"	"	15 Pine St.	1878	396	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Mrs. Anna L. Bell,	Primary,	"	1 Highland Sq.	1869	342	Milford High School.
Miss Julia M. Barry,	"	"	Beaver St.	1877	342	Milford High School.
Miss S. Eldora Sheldon,	"	"	Fr'klin & Ches't.	1871	342	Milford High School.
Miss Ellen A. Devine,	"	"	ε Beach St.	1881	342	Milford High School.
Miss Alice B. Chapin,	"	"	174 Main St.	1863	396	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss Lilian Smith,	"	"	2 Pearl St.	1882	342	Milford High School.
Miss Kate McNamara,	"	"	Central St.	1879	342	Milford High School.
Miss Kate Chapin,	"	"	174 Main St.	1869	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss Enima O. Taylor,	"	"	Otis St.	1883	342	Milford High School.
Miss Lizzie Madden,	"	"	West St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss Mary T. Kirby,	"	"	Pond St.	1883	342	Milford High School.
Miss Annie T. Gleason,	"	"	East St.	1882	342	Milford High School.
Miss Susan E. Inman,	"	"	Taylor St.	1868	342	Milford High School.
Miss Sarah F. Burns,	"	"	18 Beach St.	1875	342	Milford High School.
Miss Mary E. Cochran,	"	"	East Main St.	1876	342	Milford High School.
Miss Jennie L. Devine,	Suburban,	"	9 Beach St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss Agnes A. Conroy,	"	"	East St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss A. O. Cheney,	"	"	Congress St.	1885	342	Milford High School.
Miss Nellie F. Gorman,	"	"	Main St.	1885	342	Milford High School.
Miss Jessie N. Prince,	"	"	No. Mechanics	1886	\$7 week	Normal Art School.
Miss L. Hayward,	Drawing,	Dedham,	Grant St.	1886	4 "	Milford High School.
Miss F. M. Eastman,	Substitute,	"	Claflin St.	1886	4 "	

## TABLE IV.

GRADUATING EXERCISES  
OF THE  
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL,  
1886.

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Chorus by the School—In Countless Songs Abounding,

*Rochlich*

Massachusetts' Boast,

Lilla H. Dennett

The Shorter Poems of "The Princess,"\*

Maude Dickinson

A Synopsis of Vergil's Aeneid (First Six Books),

Florence V. Clark, Martha M. Egan, Mary Perley Cox, Jessie  
E. Grow, Carrie L. Tobin.

The Character of Miles Standish,\*

Florence E. Leonard

Joe, The Crossing Sweep,\*

Mabel L. Godfrey

Song by the School—Our Hearts are Brave,

*Camille*

A Recitation upon Carbon,

William G. Clifford, Frank P. Dillon, William R. Luby, Joseph  
D. Cronan, Irving H. Fairbanks, Ernest F. Norcross, Napoleon  
Eli Tougas.

Man's Debt to the Ocean,

Cora Lee Snell

Signs of Civilization,

S. Ellen Reed

Chorus by the School—The Bells,

*Seward*

"But in myne ears doth still abide

The message that the *bells* let fall:"—*Jean Ingelow*.

Mary B. Bradbury, Abbie Eunice Holmes, Lilla F. Hayward,  
Abbie I. Madden.

Only a Woman,

Lottie A. Jones

Olympic Games,

Effie J. Craige

Presentation of Diplomas,

Supt. W. T. Leonard

Song by the School—Class Ode,

*Florence V. Clark*

All accompaniments by W. G. Clifford.

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\*Written to satisfy college requirements.

# GRADUATES OF '86.

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## FOUR YEARS' COURSES.

### ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

Effie J. Craige,	Frank P. Dillon,	Lilla H. Dennett,
Martha M. Egan,	Irving H. Fairbanks,	Grace P. Field,
Lottie A. Jones,	Abbie I. Madden,	S. Ellen Reed,
Cora Lee Snell,	Carrie L. Tobin.	

### ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

Napoleon Eli Tougas.

### CLASSICAL.

J. Samuel Blunt,	Maude Dickinson,	Willard L. Fales,
Mabel L. Godfrey,	Florence E. Leonard.	

## PARTIAL DIPLOMAS.

(Given for an incomplete course.)

### ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

Charles P. Barnard,	Mary B. Bradbury,	Florence V. Clark,
William J. Cook,	Mary Perley Cox,	Joseph D. Cronan,
Joseph M. Gilfoyle,	Jessie E. Grow,	Lilla F. Hayward,
Abbie Eunice Holmes,	Jerry O'Neil,	Harry C. Tilden.

### CLASSICAL.

William G. Clifford,	William R. Luby,
Ernest F. Norcross,	Frank T. Westcott.



## TABLE V.

## Revised Course of Study for High School.

All courses for which diplomas are granted are those of four years' duration.

## SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

Arithmetic one hour and Algebra four hours each week, English Grammar and Composition, Physiology, Drawing.

## SECOND TERM.

Arithmetic and Algebra as before; Physiology, Book-keeping, Drawing.

## THIRD TERM.

Arithmetic and Algebra as before; United States Constitution and Town Government, Book-keeping, Drawing.

## SECOND YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

Geometry, Philosophy, Physical Geography, Drawing.

## SECOND TERM.

History, Philosophy, Rhetoric, Drawing.

## THIRD TERM.

History, Philosophy, Literature (American Poetry), Drawing.

## THIRD YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

History, French, Literature (American Prose).

## SECOND TERM.

Chemistry, French, Literature (English).

## THIRD TERM.

Chemistry, French, Literature (English).

## FOURTH YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

Geology, French, Astronomy.

## SECOND TERM.

Review, French, Civil Government.

## THIRD TERM.

Botany, French, Political Economy.

## LATIN AND ENGLISH COURSE.

In this course Latin is substituted for one English study each year; and if French is elected, one English study only is taken the last two years.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.—FOUR YEARS.

Same as English and Latin the first year. Greek begins the second year. The other studies depend on the requirements of the college for which the different students are preparing.

## GENERAL EXERCISES.

Rhetoricals and reviews, on every second Monday, are required of every pupil of every course. Instruction in vocal music each morning.

## TABLE VI.

## School Calendar 1887.

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WINTER TERM.	Commences :	{ All Schools, Jan. 3.
	Closes :	{ High School, March 25. { Other Schools, March 18.
	Vacation :	{ High School, one week. { Other Schools, two weeks.
SPRING TERM.	Commences :	{ All Schools, April 1.
	Closes :	{ High School, June 24. { Other Schools, June 10.
	Vacation :	{ High School, ten weeks. { Other Schools, twelve weeks.
FALL TERM.	Commences :	{ All Schools, Sept. 5.
	Closes :	{ High School, Dec. 23. { Other Schools, Dec. 16.
	Vacation :	{ High School, one week. { Other Schools, two weeks.

## SCHOOL SESSIONS.

HIGH SCHOOL.—April to November, 8 A. M. to 1 P. M. November to April, 8:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M. ; 1:30 to 4 P. M.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M. ; 1:30 to 3:30 P. M.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

# TOWN OF MILFORD,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Park Commissioners, Trustees of the Town Library, Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery, and Commissioners in Milford-Hopedale Settlement,

For the Year Ending February 17, 1888.

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MILFORD, MASS.:

G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.  
1888.



## TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF MILFORD.

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In consideration of the fact that some of the appropriations have been exceeded during the current year, the Selectmen deem it only right that the citizens should know where and how the extra money has been expended ; and as a preface to this report we wish to state some of the improvements made and extra expense incurred. In the first place came the settlement with Hopedale on the division of the town. After meeting the commissioners two or three times, a settlement was completed which we think was a satisfactory one, Hopedale paying Milford 15 per cent. of the whole town debt, amounting in round numbers to \$18,436.95. Now in regard to appropriations : There was no provision for making the improvements in Memorial Hall Square, none for moving the hose house and making necessary repairs, and none for paying land damage to abutters in said square. Town bonds coming due this year have been paid amounting to \$25,000, or \$6,563.05 more than the amount paid Milford by Hopedale. The amount of expense incurred by making the alterations in Memorial Square and paying damages amounts to \$7,496.29. One suit for damages has cost the town \$1,112.95 ; other cases settled on account of defective highways, \$1,265.65 ; total, \$2,378.60. Cost of trying Shea cases, \$325.50, making total amount paid for damages (for which there was no appropriation), \$2704.10. We wish to state that out of seven cases which have been settled this year, all but one of them were carried over from last year and left to the present board of Selectmen to settle, which has been done to the best of their ability, and there is at present no case of any kind against the town, that we know of.

The Highway Department is under obligation to Norcross Bros. for several thousand loads of stone, which have been crushed and put on the streets of the town. In regard to the stone crusher, we wish to say a word. In a perusal of the expenditures in the Selectmen's report, it will be seen that it has cost quite a large sum of money to keep the old crusher in repair, and we would earnestly recommend that the town purchase one of the improved make. It is our opinion that the town would save the price of a new one in two years, as crushed stone is the only material which we can get for our roads, the gravel pits in the vicinity being practically exhausted. In the matter of making arrangements with the Fire Department, so as not to interfere with the Highway Department in regard to furnishing

horses, no satisfactory arrangement has as yet been made, as we were unable to find horses that were suitable for the steamer; consequently we were obliged to furnish one pair of horses and driver at the expense of the Highway Department the past year. We have contracted for horses for horse carriages, and the plan has proved to a certain extent satisfactory.

During the past year we have had two men nightly acting as street patrol, their services ending Jan. 1, 1888. Two men were also appointed for East Main street, many tax-payers in that vicinity making complaints and requesting us to make the appointments which was done, the men being on duty two nights in the week (Saturday and Sunday). This was an additional expense to the town and we would recommend that some provision be made in the future to meet such expense, as it is our opinion that a street patrol is necessary. In conclusion there is one matter about which we wish to make a statement, that is concerning repairs on Lawrence street. At the March meeting held in 1887, it was voted to appropriate \$500 for repairs on said street; the amount expended to date is \$275.42. The reason that the full amount was not expended is that we found it impossible to complete the repairs on account of not being able to procure gravel, without which we could not complete the work in a satisfactory manner.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887.

Highways,	\$ 8,000
Incidentals,	5,000
Gas and Electric Lights,	3,000
Town Library,	500
Schools,	20,500
Poor Department,	9,000
Interest,	5,500
Water for Fire Purposes,	3,000
Vernon Grove Cemetery,	150
Military Aid,	600
Fire Department,	4,600
Memorial Day,	100
Town Park,	75
Concrete Sidewalks,	500
Town Debt,	5,000
Plans and Surveys for Sewerage Committee,	1,200
Special repairs on Lawrence Street,	500
Seven Street Lights,	125
Total,	<hr/> \$67,350

# REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT.

THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE }  
VS. }  
THE TOWN OF MILFORD. }

The undersigned, who were upon the application of said Town of Hopedale appointed commissioners by a decree of the Superior Court for the County of Worcester, entered on the twenty-sixth day of Feb. 1887, (as appears by a duly attested copy thereof issued to us and which is herewith returned,) to determine under Section 5, Chap. 126 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1886, the amount of the net public debt of said Town of Milford which said Town of Hopedale is to assume under said section, submit the following report of their doings thereunder.

The Commissioners met at Boston June 25th, A. D. 1887, and appointed the twelfth day of July, then next, at the Court House in Boston, in the County of Suffolk, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place to hear all parties interested in the subject matter of said decree, and issued notice thereof in writing to be duly served upon each of said towns, and which was duly served, as appears by said notice and the return thereon herewith transmitted.

At the time and place appointed in said notice the Commissioners met the several parties, who appeared and were represented as follows, the Town of Hopedale being represented by Thomas G. Kent, Esq., and the Town of Milford by William Gaston and Henry E. Fales, Esquires. There were also present several of the public officers of each town. The Town of Milford filed its claim, or what the counsel termed its declaration, in writing before the Commissioners, and subsequently upon request the Town of Hopedale filed its answer thereto, presenting its claim so far as it was then able to do so, both of which are herewith transmitted. Subsequent meetings were held by adjournment on the 20th and 22nd days of July, 1887, on which latter day the parties filed with the Commissioners a written agreement which is also herewith returned.

And now having fully heard the parties, and duly considered their evidence, admissions and arguments, we, the said Commis-



sioners, do award and determine in respect of the matters submitted to us, by virtue of said decree of the Court substantially in accordance with the agreement of the parties above referred to, as follows:—

1. That the Town of Hopedale shall assume fifteen per cent of the bonds of the Town of Milford outstanding at the date of the division, to wit,—

Coupon bonds for the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), bearing date Nov. 1, 1878, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

Coupon bonds for the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), bearing date Aug. 10, 1867, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Coupon bonds for the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), bearing date Aug. 10, 1867, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

That said bonds shall be paid at maturity in the proportion of eighty-five per cent by the Town of Milford and fifteen per cent by the Town of Hopedale.

That all the interest on said bonds due at the time of the division and accruing thereafter up to the time of maturity of the several bonds, shall be paid in the same proportion, and if either party shall pay more than its share of the same, said excess may be recovered by it of the other party in an action of contract.

2. That the Town of Hopedale shall assume fifteen per cent of five promissory notes, as follows:—

A note of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), dated Oct. 30, 1883.

A note of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), dated Jan. 6, 1886.

A note of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), dated Feb. 11, 1886.

A note of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), dated March 5, 1886.

A note of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), dated March 27, 1886.

All payable to the order of the Milford Savings Bank.

That said Town of Hopedale shall also assume fifteen per cent of all the interest due on said notes at the time of the division, and of all the interest that has accrued thereon to this date, and fifteen per cent of any interest that may accrue until said Town of Hopedale shall offer to pay its share of said notes. And that the Town of Milford shall assume and pay eighty-five per cent of said indebtedness of said notes and interest as aforesaid; and if either party shall pay more than its share of the same as aforesaid, said excess may be recovered by it of the other party in an action of contract.

3. That said Town of Hopedale shall assume and pay to the Town of Milford, as a part of its debt due at the time of the division, fifteen per cent of the sum of twenty-six hundred and thirty-seven dollars due for incidental and current expenses in full therefor, and fifteen per cent of the damages awarded and to be paid in settlement of damages for taking land for Memorial



Square, so called, the whole amount of said damages not to exceed sixty five hundred dollars (\$6,500).

4. That the Town of Milford shall pay to the Town of Hopedale the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), deposited with the Treasurer of the Town of Milford by Sarah Whipple, in her life time, for the care of her lot in the cemetery, and that the Town of Hopedale shall give to the representatives of said Sarah Whipple its certificate for the due use of said money upon the surrender to said Town of Milford of its note or obligation for the same sum and purpose, and this shall be in final settlement of the claim of the Town of Milford in relation to the seven cemetery notes named in its claim.

The foregoing were all the claims insisted on by the Town of Milford against the Town of Hopedale in this settlement of indebtedness.

And in further pursuance of the agreement of the parties for the purposes of this settlement, we do also award and determine—

5. That in partial payment of said indebtedness as stated above, the following sums shall be deducted from the whole amount of the town debt as cash assets, viz :—

Cash in treasury at time of division,	\$3,971 26
Cash in hands of State Treasurer, for State aid,	4,459 50
Cash in hands of State Treasurer, for Military aid,	1,023 00
Balance of rent of Lockup and Town House,	50 00
Uncollected taxes,	1,258 71

6. That in the settlement of the personal assets between the two towns, the Town of Milford shall pay to the Town of Hopedale the liquidated sum of eleven hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$1,136.00), in adjustment of the claim of the Town of Hopedale for said personal assets.

And we further award and determine that the costs of this hearing and the fees and expenses of the Commissioners shall be borne equally by the two towns.

Sept. 17, 1887.

Fees and expenses \$350.

SIMEON BORDEN,  
A. B. ENDICOTT,  
WM. L. CLARK,  
Commissioners.

Filed Sept. 20, 1887, and accepted by the Court.

ATTEST: T. S. JOHNSON, Clerk.

A Copy,

ATTEST: WM. T. HARLOW,  
Assistant Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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In presenting this annual report, I desire to call attention to the condition of the records and different matters in relation to the office which have come to my notice during the year. As soon as possible after assuming the duties of the office, I located in the Town House, believing that the office should be so situated as to be of easy access to the town vault, where a large portion of the records are kept, and for which, as I found during the year, frequent calls are made by citizens seeking information concerning town affairs. It was then thought best that the former custom of leaving the keys in the Selectmen's room, and allowing those who sought any information from the records in the vault to enter the same, (which resulted in the confusion and disorder that now exists therein,) should be abolished, and the keys placed in the hands of the clerk, where by application they could be obtained, and if any record was desired, it could be furnished and replaced in its proper position by him. This change, while it entails extra work, has been of great assistance to those citizens who used the records, and insured the safety of the same by reducing the liability to loss.

During the past year it was made evident, owing to the several law suits in which the town was engaged, and for which different records were needed, that some system should be adopted for the filing of records in the vault, and I would recommend that the same receive a thorough overhauling and that a cabinet of drawers be constructed in which could be placed, in order as to years, the bills, orders, communications, etc., of each year, all being finally indexed in a book so that any information desired could be readily and easily found, instead of the necessary delay now consequent upon its disordered condition. It was with surprise that I learned, in looking over the Record of Highways (a book in which the laying out of the town ways are recorded), and by consultation with a civil engineer who has surveyed several of our streets, that the records are very indefinite, and in case of certain streets, there are at present no bounds because of the removal of buildings and fences which in former times were used as bounds. Therefore, in order to have accurate records and bounds, it will be necessary in the near future to make a general survey of the streets.

There were issued and recorded in the Clerk's office 62 liquor licenses, showing an increase over the previous year, when 46 were issued. Received for licenses in 1887, \$7,616.50, while in 1886, \$6,075 was received.

Number of licenses issued to dealers in oleomargarine, 2;  
received for the same \$1.00.

Auctioneers' licenses recorded,	7
Pool and billiard licenses recorded,	17

#### DOG LICENSES.

Whole number licensed,	359
Males, 311; females, 48.	
Amount received for same,	\$862 00
Amount sent county treasurer,	790 20
Number licensed last year,	334
Amount received last year,	\$779 00
Increase over previous year,	83 00

#### MORTGAGE RECORDS.

Personal property mortgages recorded,	59
Assignment of wages,	29
Transfer of mortgage, 1; bills of sale, 3; foreclosure notice, 1; mortgages discharged, 11.	

#### MARRIED WOMEN.

Certificates recorded of married women doing business on  
separate account, 3.

#### MARRIAGES.

Intentions issued,	71
Marriages recorded,	71
Number solemnized in town,	49
" elsewhere in Massachusetts,	17
" in Maine,	2
" Rhode Island,	2
" New York,	1
	— 71

First marriage, grooms, 52,	brides, 59,	111
Second " " 18,	" 11,	29
Third " " 1,	" 1,	1
Fourth " " 1,	"	1
	—	—
	71	142

Average age of groom,	32
" bride,	28
Oldest groom,	74
" bride,	68
Youngest groom,	20
" bride,	18



Grooms whose age exceeds bride's,	51
Brides whose age exceeds groom's,	11
Same age, in years,	9
	— 71

Greatest difference in ages of one couple, 28 years.

### BIRTHS.

Whole number registered,			205
Number of males,		103	
" females,		102	
		—	205
Children of foreign parentage,		65	
" native "		109	
" mixed "		30	
" unknown "		1	
		—	205
Number of instances of twins,		2	
Illegitimate,		4	
Foundling,		1	
Born in January,	males 4,	females 8,	12
February,	" 14,	" 5,	19
March,	" 4,	" 15,	19
April,	" 7,	" 9,	16
May,	" 10,	" 5,	15
June,	" 11,	" 5,	16
July,	" 7,	" 10,	17
August,	" 17,	" 12,	29
September,	" 12,	" 8,	20
October,	" 5,	" 10,	15
November,	" 7,	" 6,	13
December,	" 5,	" 9,	14
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	103,	102,	205

### DEATHS.

Number recorded,			190
Died in January,	males 9,	females 6,	15
February,	" 8,	" 10,	18
March,	" 8,	" 13,	21
April,	" 7,	" 13,	20
May,	" 10,	" 5,	15
June,	" 9,	" 10,	19
July,	" 8,	" 7,	15
August,	" 9,	" 6,	15
September,	" 6,	" 3,	9
October,	" 7,	" 10,	17
November,	" 5,	" 8,	13
December,	" 7,	" 6,	13
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	93,	97,	190



## CONDITION OF PERSONS DECEASED.

Married,	males 36,	females, 33,	69
Single,	" 46,	" 37,	83
Widowers,	11,	widows, 27,	38
	<hr/> 93,	<hr/> 97,	<hr/> 190

Causes of death, as reported by various physicians: Consumption, 37; pneumonia, 19; apoplexy, 5; heart disease, 9; old age, 7; typhoid fever, 5; cholera infantum, 5; Bright's disease, 5; paralysis, 4; enteritis, 3; convulsions, 3; railroad accidents, 2; drowning, 1; various other causes, 85.

Where deceased were buried. Catholic Cemetery, 103; Pine Grove, 12; Vernon Grove, 37; North Purchase, 1; out of town, 37.

## TOWN MEETINGS.

March 7, 1887; May 2, 1887; May 30, 1887; September 6, 1887; Nov. 8, 1887. Total, 5.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. McLOUGHLIN,  
Town Clerk.

## Report of Town Park Commissioners.

## RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation,	\$75 00	
Sale of old fence,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 00

## EXPENDED.

Hugh Smith, labor,	\$32 00	
Wm. F. Reynolds, "	1 25	
A. S. Cooke, "	1 00	
John Coffee, "	9 00	
Henry Schultz, "	4 20	
Patrick McEnnelly, "	4 25	
Oliver D. Holmes, police,	5 00	
Bartlett & Ellis, grass seed,	1 13	
Cook & Sons, printing,	1 50	
Field Brothers, lumber,	3 49	
C. A. Ambler & Co.,	35	
Thomas & Walcott,	1 07	
	<hr/>	\$64 24

C. W. WILCOX,  
DWIGHT RUSSELL,  
HENRY E. FALES,  
Park Commissioners.

REPORT OF  
THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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EXPENSE AT THE FARM.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$600 00
Grain,	565 67
Meat,	322 13
Hired help,	247 00
Flour,	230 50
Butter,	177 10
Dry Goods,	148 39
Coal,	154 31
Oxen,	137 00
Horse, paid for exchange,	115 00
Hardware, plumbing, etc.,	114 51
Salt fish,	109 33
Clothing,	105 35
Medicine,	101 21
Cows,	100 00
Lumber,	96 56
Fresh fish,	88 92
Tea,	68 59
Sugar,	67 72
Boots and shoes,	58 57
Phosphate and plaster,	57 15
Carpenter work,	48 45
Geo. D. Rhodes, small bills paid,	47 71
Medical attendance,	50 00
Shoats,	46 00
Small groceries and spices,	42 94
Horse shoeing and jobbing,	37 40
Painters' supplies,	35 28
Tobacco,	33 75
Repairing harness, etc.,	29 82
Crackers, etc.,	28 48
Furniture,	28 45
Wolf and buffalo robes,	24 00
Washing machine,	23 00
Soft soap,	22 00
Molasses,	19 09
Bull,	18 00

Painting wagon and pung,	\$18 00
Hard soap,	14 64
Hay,	12 00
Grinding and sawdust at Fisk's Mills,	11 31
Oil,	11 05
Chickens,	11 03
Dress cutting and making,	10 25
Repairing stoves,	9 70
Cheese,	8 83
Beans,	8 75
Snuff,	6 92
Salt,	6 86
Syrup,	6 50
Lime, hair, etc.,	6 35
Making cider,	6 33
Repairing shoes,	5 35
Sawing logs,	5 14
Seed potatoes,	4 65
Brooms,	4 60
Baskets,	3 37
Screens for squash vines,	2 16
Stationery,	2 13
Insect powder,	1 50
Coffee,	1 47
Repairing clock,	1 00
	<hr/> \$4,379 27

## INCOME AT THE FARM.

Milk,	\$1,062 53
Oxen,	160 55
Pork,	121 09
Apples,	91 37
Pension,	56 50
Beef cow,	43 14
Pigs,	29 00
Onions,	18 20
Premiums at Upton fair,	13 25
Peas,	12 00
Calves,	9 50
Use of bull,	6 50
Use of boar,	6 00
Pie plant,	5 70
Cabbage,	5 43
Beets,	5 20
Chickens,	4 05
Board for Michael Mellen,	3 00
Green corn,	2 91
Turnips,	2 75
Beans,	2 62

Eggs,	2 20	
Cucumbers,	2 13	
Cider,	2 05	
Plowing,	2 00	
Lettuce,	1 19	
Summer squash,	60	
Martin Jenkins, board,	4 23	
	————	\$1,675 69

## INMATES AT THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Electa Kimball,	52 weeks	Joseph Caine,	52	"
Edward Despeau,	52	Frederick Caine,	52	"
Charles C. Austin,	52	Ellen King,	4	"
Michael Coy,	52	Mary A. King,	4	"
James Boland,	52	Harry W. King,	4	"
Mary O'Connell,	52	Fred H. Tillston,	52	"
James A. Hern,	52	Delia Delaney,	52	"
Bridget Caine,	52	Rosella Delaney,	52	"
John Cook,	7	Michael Connor,	11	"
John Masterson,	52	Mary Beatty,	25	"
Arthur O'Keefe,	52	Lizzie J. Lyons,	2	"
Daniel McCarty,	52	John Mee,	2	"
Lydia A. Parkhurst,	52	George C. Warren,	47	"
Prudence S. Burrell,	52	Nora O'Connor,	34	"
John Flynn,	52	Maria H. O'Connor,	47	"
Elizabeth Gabbrie,	25	William O'Connor,	47	"
Frank Sergurson,	52	Mary Fitzgerald,	24	"
Mary Sergurson,	52	Michael McCarty,	17	"
Edward Gabbrie,	48	James O'Reagan,	17	"
Patrick Conniff,	52	Bridget O'Reagan,	17	"
Ellen Middleton,	52	Bridget Hennessey,	30	"
Mary E. Middleton,	52	Michael Mellen,	1	"
George Middleton,	52	Fred S. Tillston,	7	"
James McCormick,	52	Charles White,	13	"
Dennis Pyne,	52	Mary Flagg,	20	"
Charles H. Dunham,	52	John Wallace,	14	"
John Ward,	52	Edward McCullum,	6	"
Orra W. Cheney,	20	John Hayes,	2	"
Johanna McCarty,	52	Martin Jenkins,	2	"

Net expense at the farm,	\$2,703 58	
Appraisal of town farm, \$4500 ; interest,	270 00	
" personal property, \$3,285.40, "	197 12	
	————	\$3,170 70

Whole number of persons admitted during the year, 58  
Average " " " " " 40  
" weekly cost of each person, \$1 52 $\frac{2}{3}$   
There has been but one death at the farm during the year. John  
Hayes died Jan. 4, 1888, aged 53.



## PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Milton H. Aldrich,	\$ 53 00	Thomas Hanigan,	\$ 21 78
Mrs. Thomas Barry,	67 40	John Hayes,	17 00
Mrs. Eliza Buxton,	9 75	Mrs. Bernard King,	101 60
William J. Blanchard,	88 90	Mrs. Thomas Lyons,	73 00
Mrs. William Bren,	55 18	Mrs. Charles Murphy,	71 50
Patrick Butler,	5 65	Mrs. Patrick Manion,	114 75
Frank Baxter,	26 70	Bridget Murray,	2 00
James Boland,	6 50	Mrs. Edward Murphy,	74 00
Benjamin Cottrell,	11 13	Mrs. Thomas Murray,	53 85
Mrs. Mary Cronan,	56 38	Patrick McGrath,	23 70
Hannah Connor,	11 77	Edward McKenna,	96 30
Mrs. Winnifred Casey,	42 79	Patrick McQuaid,	48 07
John Collins,	33 13	Peter McGovern,	27 40
Mrs. Patrick Cloonan,	123 87	Patrick Nugent,	58 80
Mrs. Mary Coy,	90 85	Robert Nichols,	2 95
Mrs. Timothy Carey,	111 96	John Nugent,	23 00
Nancy McCool,	159 00	Owen O'Hara,	19 45
Mrs. James Comee,	154 07	Mrs. Mary Quinlan,	73 96
James Coffee,	8 87	Mrs. Michael Quirk,	35 64
Mrs. Peter Collins,	8 50	Mrs. Dennis Ryan,	48 95
Michael Connor,	10 70	John Rogers,	15 00
Mrs. William Dacey,	96 00	James O'Reagan,	46 05
Mrs. David Doyle,	102 47	Edgar P. Smith,	10 00
Martin Donahue,	7 00	Mrs. Bridget Sweeney,	60 00
John Delman,	10 35	Mrs. Daniel Shea,	59 00
Mrs. Darius S. Flagg,	53 00	William Stewart,	17 50
John Fay,	25 66	Hugh Smith,	3 75
Mrs. William Fahey,	111 67	Michael Smith,	54 80
Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald,	16 77	Miss Minnie M. Stanford,	14 00
Miss Ellen A. Guild,	71 00	Mrs. Michael Toolan,	50 15
Mrs. Andrew Gilroy,	171 52	Fred L. Tillston,	2 70
John J. Grant,	96 00	Mrs. Laura Tucker,	8 00
Loughlin Gahagan,	44 50	Margaret Welch,	23 38
Howard Holland,	164 63	John Wallace,	35 15
Patrick Hanigan,	52 97	Mary Wallace,	15 55
Michael Hageney,	70 55	John Welch,	1 65
Mrs. Michael Halpin,	10 00	Medical attendance for	
Miss Lucretia Hayward,	44 79	the above,	100 00
Thomas Hughes,	64 87		
Mrs. Bridget Hennesey,	3 80		
			<hr/> \$3,858 03

## PERSONS BELONGING TO MILFORD AIDED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. James A. Hern, Natick,	\$ 58 75
Mary Beatty, Fall River,	2 73
John A. Boyd, Worcester,	12 20
Sarah Butts, Tewksbury Almshouse,	21 53
John Cain, Ashland,	22 25
Martin Coppinger, Boston city hospital,	347 00
Alvin Collins, Medway,	93 00
Orra Cheney, Mendon,	2 50

Mrs. Andrew Doyle, Southboro,	\$149 25
Mrs. Annie Fay, Lynn,	108 75
Laura J. Green, Lynn,	39 00
Michael Holland, Somerville,	4 70
Mrs. Toby Hart, Spencer,	117 82
Eva Jones, Boston city hospital,	4 00
Charles F. Lynch, Lyman school,	15 71
Mahan children, Boston,	75 00
James Murphy, Marlboro,	174 99
Bridget Maloney, Spencer,	12 81
Lawrence O'Hare, Salem,	16 00
John O'Brien, Boston city hospital,	16 00
Julius L. Johnson, Bellingham,	24 50
Mrs. Bridget Roach, Blackstone,	42 90
Edward Sireack, Medway,	21 52
Thomas Stewart, State Primary school,	38 14
Joanna Slattery, Hopkinton,	92 50
Julian Sireack, Boston city hospital,	9 00
Sarah Tiernan, Worcester,	2 00
Mary White, Franklin,	136 51
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	\$1,661 06

PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS AIDED IN MILFORD.

John Clancy, Upton,	\$189 96
Mrs. Maria A. Claire, Brookline,	9 75
Richard Carey, Boston,	5 00
Mrs. Jerry Daley, Northbridge,	4 60
Thomas Finn, Natick,	22 77
Patrick Gleason, Medway,	24 05
John Galvin, Boston,	11 75
Daniel Harrington, Hopkinton,	15 25
Emory Hall, Holliston,	13 85
James Healy, Natick,	54 79
Patrick Jones, Boston,	1 54
Mrs. Timothy Murphy, Natick,	20 3c
Michael Mellen, Hopkinton,	2 00
Willis Dexter Perham, Blackstone,	7 00
Charles H. Snowling, Northbridge,	81 35
Mrs. Lucy A. Tibbetts, Abington,	130 00
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	\$591 01

INSANE.

Margaret Bradley,	\$182 04	William Mulcahy,	\$ 45 03
Henry Cain,	177 41	John Nugent,	73 39
Caroline Coughlin,	183 26	Abbott L. Perry,	169 46
Mary Connell,	172 16	Joseph Reagan,	26 03
John Cook,	164 15	Maria Ripley,	170 44
Thomas H. Donovan,	60 06	James Sullivan,	181 06
Hannah H. Davis,	37 61		
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			\$1,642 10

## STATE PAUPERS.

A. T. Bushee,	\$ 0 81
Mary Cleveland,	8 00
John Gillis,	85 49
George Gabbrie,	50
William Harty,	57 84
Joseph Leaxrou,	136 18
Michael Murphy,	43 35
Michael Murray,	77
John Moore,	3 00
Sarah McGrath,	18 00
Daniel McNeil,	25 89
Mrs. Lucelia E. Nichols,	19 26
D. H. Purrington,	1 06
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	\$400 15
543 tramps, care and bedding, for tramps' room,	\$30 55

## INCIDENTALS.

Printing orders, notices, etc.,	\$8 55	
Books and stationery,	2 61	
Postage stamps,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 16
Cash in hands of Overseers,		\$14 65

## RECEIPTS.

Lewis Hayden, treasurer,	\$10,040 00
Income at the farm,	1,675 69
State,	196 09
Upton,	145 87
Abington,	130 00
Military Aid,	96 00
Hopkinton,	81 28
Northbridge,	78 85
Natick,	73 10
Medway,	33 55
Holliston,	13 89
Boston,	13 29
Brookline,	9 75
Blackstone,	7 00
Cash on hand from 1886,	82
	<hr/> \$12,595 18

## RECAPITULATION.

Expense at the farm,	\$4,379 27
Persons aided outside of the farm,	3,858 03
Persons aided in other towns,	1,661 06



Persons aided belonging to other towns,	594 01	
Insane,	1,642 10	
State poor,	400 15	
Tramps,	30 55	
Incidentals,	15 16	
Cash in hands of Overseers,	14 85	
	<hr/>	\$12,595 18

#### BILLS DUE MILFORD FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Northbridge,	\$8 10	
Upton,	4 45	
Natick,	2 00	
Boston,	5 00	
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#### NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED DURING THE YEAR.

Insane,	13
State,	25
Farm,	58
Other persons,	354
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Total,	450

The Superintendent and Matron are paid to March 1, 1888, salary \$600. The Town Physician is paid to April 1, 1888, salary \$150.

At the town farm the buildings are in good repair and also most of the farming implements. The cattle are in fine condition. We have made an improvement at the barn by widening the cow-stable four feet, at an expense of about \$150, this addition making the stable much better for the cattle, a great deal more convenient for those taking care of them and much pleasanter for visitors to look at them.

The Overseers have caused an article to be inserted in the town warrant, asking the town to appropriate the sum of \$300 to purchase iron bedsteads for the almshouse. Many of the old wooden ones being in a very rickety condition, it will be necessary to replace them with new ones the coming year, and we think it would be more economical for the town to have the wooden bedsteads replaced with iron ones, as they are more durable, much more easily kept clean, and also more comfortable to sleep upon, as they have a good spring bed in connection with them.

There have been 58 persons admitted to the almshouse during the year. Of these, 30 have been at the farm throughout the year. In regard to the Martin Coppinger case, we would say that he was admitted to the city hospital of Boston in 1886. The Overseers of Boston immediately notified the Overseers of Milford of his being in the hospital, and the case was investigated by the Milford Overseers. The patient was found to have sustained



a compound fracture of the skull, which required three separate surgical operations before the fracture was reduced. He remained in the hospital 347 days, their charges being one dollar a day. We caused his removal as soon as the hospital authorities permitted us to do so.

The suit of the Overseers of Milford against the state to recover money expended for the support of Susan Twohey, a state pauper, we referred to in our last report (for the year ending Feb. 1, 1887), as being undecided at that time. You will remember that we first presented a petition at the legislative session of 1885, asking for the payment of this claim by the state. This petition was referred to the committee on claims, who reported against the town, because the town had a remedy in the court of claims. After the rejection of the petition, a suit was commenced in the court, for the recovery of the claim. The Attorney-General, who appeared for the state, decided that this claim was not such a claim as was contemplated by the law of 1879, which is to the effect that any claims against the state, founded on contract, might be heard and determined by the three justices of the superior court, sitting as a court of claims; and as there had been no contract between the previous Overseers and the state, the court decided against the town. In order to make a test of this decision, we carried the case to the supreme court, where the former decision was affirmed, and we had our second defeat. Although the Overseers had been twice defeated in trying to recover this money, they concluded to make one more attempt, and therefore, at the opening of the legislature in 1887, presented a petition, asking the passing of a resolve providing for the payment of this claim.

After passing through the different stages of the House and Senate, this resolve became a law, which will probably be of interest to the whole state. Therefore, the Overseers of Milford, after a long and obstinate contest of nearly three years' duration, were enabled to recover for the town the sum of \$1,479.50, this amount having been expended for the support of Susan Twohey, a state pauper, during a period of nearly ten years. This amount has been transmitted to the town treasurer of Milford, from the state treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHESTER L. CLARK,  
JOHN SMITH,  
PHILIP P. O'DONNELL,  
Overseers of the Poor.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

PHILIP A. GLEASON, COLLECTOR FOR 1886-7.

DR.

Balance uncollected for the year 1886, as per collector's report for that year,	\$3,763 13
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CR.

Abatements,	\$ 557 20	
Collected,	2,350 09	
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Balance uncollected,		\$855 84
Collected as above,	\$2,350 09	
Paid Lewis Hayden, treasurer,	2,350 09	

1887.

DR.

Total amount taxes committed,	\$82,625 22
Re-assessed,	387 52
Interest on collections as per vote of town,	30 95
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	\$83,043 69

CR.

Paid Lewis Hayden, treasurer,	\$69,310 46	
Paid Edward A. Brown, county treas.,	4,131 00	
Discount (on collections to Sept. 15, '87),	2,044 91	
Abatements,	995 90	
Uncollected, Feb. 17, 1888,	6,561 42	
	<hr/>	\$83,043 69

## Trustees of the Town Library.

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NATH'L F. BLAKE, OWEN F. CROUGHWELL,	Term expires 1888
VALENTINE N. RYAN, JAMES A. GILMORE,	Term expires 1889
CHARLES A. DEWEY, JOHN P. NEALON,	Term expires 1890

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CHARLES A. DEWEY, Chairman.

OWEN F. CROUGHWELL, Secretary.

NATHANIEL F. BLAKE, Treasurer.

MARTIN J. KELLY, Librarian.

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Nothing has occurred in the affairs of the Town Library during the past year to call for special comment on the part of the Trustees. We regret that our ordinary and somewhat limited means for purchasing new books have not been increased by any pecuniary gifts, such as we have been favored with in some former years. We shall always be happy to report any presents of that sort, whenever any of our philanthropic fellow-citizens may be disposed to invest some of their spare funds in that very laudable manner. While our people continue to show their appreciation of the library tolerably well, yet we heartily wish they might use it much more generally than they have ever done. Here is a grand storehouse of useful knowledge, and those who avail themselves of its rich and varied treasures will be amply repaid. If our young men would read and study some of the more solid books, replete with valuable information, or would even roam through the pleasant fields of fictitious literature, it would be vastly better for them than to squander their time, as so many of them do. While it is highly important to read the daily newspapers and thus keep well informed in regard to current events, they would find the reading of good books much more profitable than devoting so much time, as some do, to reading of matters of ephemeral and inferior interest. A taste for reading books of the better class is one that is easily acquired, and also one that is readily lost, but it surely ought to be cultivated by young people of both sexes. And their parents and friends should exert themselves to foster such a spirit on the part of those who may be under their care.

We cannot doubt that the general influence of such a library as we possess is of the greatest value to the town, in educating, elevating and ennobling our boys and girls, our young men and young women, and we hope our fellow-citizens, in town meeting assembled, will realize the actual worth of the institution, and will give it a warm and hearty support.

While there is still a balance in the treasury, it should be borne in mind that nearly two hundred books should be bound at once, and that almost three hundred more have been worn out and used up and ought to be replaced.

Under the circumstances the Trustees recommend an appropriation of six hundred dollars for the benefit of the Library the coming year.

CHARLES A. DEWEY, Chairman.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

NATH'L F. BLAKE, Treasurer,

In account with the Milford Town Library.

#### DR.

Feb. '88.	Balance from last year's report,	\$ 31 14	
Received	Town appropriation,	500 00	
"	One-half dog tax,	337 02	
"	From fines and catalogues,	50 68	
		<hr/>	\$918 84

#### CR.

Paid	M. J. Kelly, Librarian,	\$308 33	
"	" Covering books,	11 76	
"	" Work on catalogue,	5 00	
"	Books,	305 78	
"	Table and chairs,	65 00	
"	Covering paper,	8 29	
"	Supplies,	9 68	
"	Express,	4 20	
"	Printing catalogue,	28 00	
	Balance cash on hand,	172 80	
		<hr/>	\$918 84

NATH'L F. BLAKE, Treasurer.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY:—

Gentlemen: The annual report for the year ending Feb. 10, 1888, is as follows: The distribution of books began Feb. 7, 1887, and ended Jan. 14, 1888, with a circulation of 26,756 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 331 volumes, and the smallest 30 volumes. The library contains, according to the catalogue, with



the addition of duplicates, 7635 volumes, of which 420 were added the present library year. They have been placed in the different classes as follows: History, 50; Biography, 48; Politics, Law and Oratory, 11; Travels, 15; Science, 31; Miscellaneous, 70; Religion, 11; Poetry, 26; Public Documents, 33; Fiction, 68. With the exception of the Public Documents, the books were obtained by purchase. We have not been so fortunate as some in respect to donations from generous citizens, and I may state that the library needs more financial support from some source, if it is desired to keep the standard of our library as high as others which possess no better facilities. It may be out of place in a librarian's report to recommend it, but I trust the town will show a generous disposition in this matter.

The library serves two purposes; the first and most important is to provide such books as will be of practical benefit to those who read them. Of secondary importance are the books provided for mere pleasure. If you will examine the appended summary, you will notice that the majority of patrons devote their attention to the latter. A large number of books are not read by the generality of patrons, for the reason that they do not know that such books are in the library. If they would purchase the catalogues, they would find themselves amply repaid.

During the year, a certain portion of the library room was assigned to those who desire to examine reference books, and serves to a limited degree, the purpose of a reading-room. The appended schedule shows the work of the library in detail.

Respectfully,

MARTIN J. KELLY, Librarian.

## SUMMARY.

MONTHS.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Amount.	Days Open.	Average.	Catalogue and Fines.
February, 1887,	37	54	5	79	33	1146	87	5	21	610	1	2078	18	115 $\frac{4}{9}$	\$3.35
March,	52	87	6	133	70	1621	143	8	21	869		3010	27	111 $\frac{13}{7}$	5.05
April,	46	90	4	119	52	1701	130	5	25	851	1	3024	26	116 $\frac{4}{13}$	5.64
May,	42	72	3	98	47	1304	105	3	29	686		2389	25	95 $\frac{14}{23}$	5.12
June,	43	73	6	112	38	1162	115	6	20	639	2	2216	26	85 $\frac{6}{23}$	5.05
July,	38	69	5	116	49	1148	142	9	37	683	1	2297	25	91 $\frac{22}{23}$	5.11
August,	31	54	3	63	40	1144	75	5	14	466		1895	27	70 $\frac{5}{27}$	5.30
September,	34	55	8	97	66	1018	108	8	22	623		2039	25	81 $\frac{14}{23}$	3.50
October,	35	54	8	94	70	996	88	7	19	581		1952	25	78 $\frac{25}{25}$	3.75
November,	48	70	2	109	91	1115	124	11	34	679		2283	25	91 $\frac{8}{23}$	3.02
December,	73	80		83	47	1179	119	12	69	877		2539	26	97 $\frac{17}{26}$	3.80
January, 1888,	20	37	2	53	39	483	55	2	10	330	3	1034	12	86 $\frac{2}{12}$	1.99
Totals,	499	795	52	1156	642	14017	1291	81	321	7894	8	26756	287	93 $\frac{65}{87}$	\$50.68

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL  
LOTS, AND WHICH THE TOWN OWES.

	One year's interest on the several Burial Lots.	Amount expended on each lot during the year as follows:	Balance of interest due on each lot for the year 1887.
Mrs. Theron Holbrook,	\$100	H. Hancock,	Holbrook, \$13.17
Mrs. Obadiah Albee,	100	H. Hancock,	Albee, 14.17
Wm. B. Dyer,	150	H. Hancock and L. H. Cook,	Dyer, 16.50
Henry S. Dean,	100	H. Hancock,	Dean, 4.17
Abigail H. Adams,	100	Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation,	Adams, 5.17
Mary E. Buck,	50	H. Hancock,	Buck, 4.17
	<u>\$600</u>		<u>\$57.35</u>

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF VERNON GROVE CEMETERY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 6, 1888.

Jan. 13, 1887,	To cash on hand,	71 93
May 20,	To cash of C. H. Farrington, lot No. 507,	8 00
20,	“ R. N. Fairbanks, lot No. 496,	8 00
20,	“ E. F. Smith, lot No. 562,	5 00
26,	“ Lewis Hayden, Town Treasurer,	100 00
26,	“ D. C. McIntosh, lot No. 525,	5 00
July 2,	“ E. U. Hall, lot No. 526,	5 00
Jan. 24, 1888,	“ Henry Hancock, care of lots,	39 00
24,	“ Lewis Hayden, Town Treasurer,	50 00
Feb. 6,	“ Wood & Nye, digging graves,	77 00
		\$368 93

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By cash paid Henry Hancock, labor,	\$186 00
“ Martin Jenkins, labor,	17 25
“ John Coffee, labor,	23 25
“ H. C. Skinner, labor,	10 00
“ C. A. Ambler & Co., merchandise,	11 25
By cash on hand,	121 18
	\$368 93

There have been 55 interments in Vernon Grove Cemetery during the past year.

The terms of the Committee expire as follows: Leonard Fairbanks and Isaac N. Crosby, in 1888. H. C. Skinner and John M. Wood, in 1889. Geo. L. Maynard and Henry Hancock, in 1890.

HENRY C. SKINNER, Secretary.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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Engineers' Office, February 12, 1888.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :—

Gentlemen: In accordance with our annual custom, the Board of Engineers have the honor to submit the following report of the department under our charge, together with receipts and expenditures, a correct record of the fires and alarms, cause as near as could be obtained, amount of insurance and insurance paid, the expense of maintenance in the department, and such recommendations for the coming year as the Board think will tend to improve the same.

## RECEIPTS.

Received of Lewis Hayden, town treasurer,	\$4,750 00
“ W. P. Leland, coal and wood,	3 00
“ M. J. Buckley, water rent, for hose,	5 00
Cash on hand Feb. 12, 1887,	71 88
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	\$4,829 88

## EXPENDITURES.

### PAY OF MEMBERS.

Paid

Milford S. F. E. Co., No. 1,	\$455 00
Excelsior H. & L. Co., No. 1,	600 00
Wide Awake Hose Co., No. 1,	455 00
Washington Hose Co., No. 2,	455 00
Wm. C. Gillman Hose Co., No. 4,	455 00
F. M. Walker, driver Steamer No. 1,	175 00
F. J. Rockwood, “ Hose Co., No. 2,	12 50
C. L. Wetherell, “ “ No. 1,	27 00
L. E. Dolliff, steward, Hose Co., No. 1,	21 50
F. J. Rockwood, “ “ No. 2,	43 00
Michael Casey, “ “ No. 4,	20 00
Michael Hanagan, steward, Hose Co., No. 4,	20 00
Michael Burke, “ H. & L. Co. No. 1,	20 00
John J. Kelley, “ “ No. 1,	20 00
Geo. H. Thompson, “ Hose Co. No. 1,	21 50

Henry Willard, engineman Steamer No. 1,	\$175 00
N. B. Fairbanks, " " No. 2,	160 00
Board of Engineers,	295 00
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Total expense for pay of members,	\$3,430 50

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid

Thos. F. Davoren, storing hose carriage, etc., Spruce St.,	\$ 9 50
M. W. Edwards, horses for H. & L. Co. No. 1,	100 00
Thos. F. Davoren, horses for Hose Co's 1 and 2,	58 33
A. L. Smith, horses for Hose Co., No. 4,	38 50
Geo. A. Sherborne, horses to fires and reserve,	25 15
W. P. Leland, water closet in steamer house,	25 00
Heirs of S. P. Carpenter, rent of land, Hose No. 4,	15 00
James C. Coffey, labor, etc.,	11 50
Electric Light Co.,	242 31
B. H. Montague, ringing bell 1887-8,	8 00
Milford Water Co.,	44 00
N. B. Fairbanks, cleaning clock and 1 gal. oil,	2 10
Henry Willard, labor and supplies,	51 14
Field Bros. lumber for H. & L. house,	46 00
O. D. Holmes, ringing bell,	12 00
N. K. Sprague, labor at H. & L. house,	25 50
John J. Hennessy, supplies,	2 70
L. E. Belknap, repairs, Spruce street,	3 00
D. R. Johnson, repairs and painting, Spruce street,	21 80
H. A. Barney, coal,	84 55
Fred M. Walker, setting glass, oil, etc.,	2 00
John E. Ward, team to fire,	1 00
C. A. Ambler & Co., supplies,	11 04
James A. Boyce, repairs on ladders,	11 00
J. Allen Rice, sponges,	2 00
P. J. Donohoe, chamois skin,	60
Mann & Leahy, printing,	50
Geo. E. Daniels, ringing bell,	10 00
A. S. Tuttle, supplies,	10 10
King Bros. rubber coats,	10 87
James Powers, teams to fire,	2 00
W. E. Cheney, distributing cards,	6 00
Wm. A. Coffey, work on H. & L. house,	2 00
R. B. Greene, fire alarm whistle,	107 83
Patrick Lynch, bbl. kerosene oil,	5 21
Milford Gazette, printing cards,	7 50
Geo. H. Thompson, repairs on hose,	50
M. F. Hanagan, supplies,	91
L. A. Cook, wood,	8 06
C. A. Hoyt, plumbing, hose house Spruce street,	32 19
Lysander Grow, repairing H. & L. truck,	18 25

Boston & Albany, railroad express,	25
Michael Slattery, digging vault on Spruce street,	16 00
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies,	2 10
L. R. Hazard, vitriol,	1 00
Eldredge & Beatty, labor and supplies,	6 07
C. M. Thayer, supplies,	5 54
Patrick Dillon, building water closet, Spruce street,	93 03
Henry S. Cushman, repairs,	5 25
Henry E. Madden, supplies,	5 60
A. S. Jackson, waste for steamer,	3 70
E. Daisley, lanterns,	3 00
Cole Bros. Pawtucket, R. I., repairs on steamer,	7 02
H. A. Brown, repairs on water guage,	1 50
D. B. Rockwood, repairs,	2 65
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	140 00
Milford Gas Co., coal,	6 40
John J. Kelly, oil, powder and broom,	1 59
Total expense for incidentals.	<u>\$1,376 34</u>

#### RECAPITULATION.

Total amount drawn from town treasurer,	\$4,750 00
Received from W. P. Leland for wood and coal,	3 00
“ M. J. Buckley, water rent for hose,	5 00
Cash on hand, Feb. 12, 1887,	71 88
Total receipts for the year,	<u>\$4,829 88</u>
Total expenditures for the year,	<u>4,806 84</u>
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1888,	\$23 04
Pay of members,	\$3,430 50
Incidentals,	<u>1,376 34</u>
Total expense for the year,	\$4,806 84
Appropriations, 1887,	<u>4,600 00</u>
Exceeded appropriation,	\$206 84

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :—

Pay of members,	\$3,430 50
Incidentals,	900 00
Repairs,	169 50
New hose,	500 00
	<u>\$5,000 00</u>



The excess over appropriations is due greatly to the moving of one of our hose houses from Lincoln square to Spruce street. This alteration cost us \$175.52 to put the house in a fair condition for our companies.

Citizens, you will also take notice that we have placed an alarm whistle on the Electric Light station, at a cost of \$107.83, which we think is a very profitable expenditure, and we think that you will say that it has done good service for the firemen since its erection.

## MANUAL OF MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer,	P. J. BAXTER
Ass't. " "	D. R. JOHNSON
" " "	THOS. E. NUTTING
" " "	A. D. WHITE
" " "	JOHN J. MANNING
Clerk and Treasurer,	HENRY E. MADDEN

MILFORD STEAM FIRE ENGINE Co., No. 1.—Foreman, N. Gaskell; first assistant, James H. Keane; clerk and treasurer, W. P. Leland; janitor, Fred M. Walker; engineman, Henry Willard; stoker, Henry E. Rockwood; driver, Fred M. Walker; hosemen, E. F. Pond, Wm. M. Bowker, William Brown, George Whiting, James A. Boyce, Clarence W. Gardner, George W. Kibby, Wm. C. Norton, A. H. Smith.

AARON CLAFLIN STEAM FIRE ENGINE, in reserve.—Engineman, N. B. Fairbanks; stoker, W. A. Fairbanks. The above Steamer is kept in good repair and is ready for use, at any time when called upon, and is operated by the Steamer Co. No. 1.

WIDE AWAKE HOSE Co., No. 1.—Foreman, H. I. Benney; first assistant, J. H. Bates; second assistant, C. H. Bagley; clerk, R. P. Hadley; treasurer, John J. Hennessy; steward, George H. Thompson; hosemen, Henry Willard, C. L. Witherell, E. B. Bates, Walter Steele, S. W. Blunt, Geo. B. Pond, Geo. H. Hart, E. G. Hubbard, B. A. Hart.

WASHINGTON HOSE Co., No. 2.—Foreman, L. E. Belknap; first assistant, T. F. Martin; second assistant, Emmons Fletcher; clerk, Wm. J. Pyne; treasurer, L. E. Belknap; steward, F. J. Rockwood; hosemen, P. J. Connor, Bart Harrington, Edward Dalton, John Glenfield, T. E. Condon, J. J. Ring, T. P. Cronan, D. F. Ring, John Mathews, J. J. Connors.

WILLIAM C. GILLMAN HOSE Co., No. 4.—Foreman, Owen Gormley; first assistant, D. J. Connors; second assistant, George Julian; clerk, M. J. Buckley; treasurer, M. J. Buckley; steward, Michael Hanagan; hosemen, C. A. Cheney, M. Higgins, M. Casey, Fred Joslyn, P. Coyne, John Kealon, Fred Basford, Wm. Curtain, John Bradley, John J. Cronin.



EXCELSIOR HOOK & LADDER Co., No. 1.—Foreman, T. J. Connor; assistant foreman, James Lally, jr.; clerk, Geo. Tully; treasurer, James Baxter; steward, John Kelley; Laddermen, P. F. Callery, Edward Roche, M. Burke, J. L. Keefe, John Connor, Geo. Manning, James J. Smith, Frank Foley, Peter Cauley, Jas. Corbett, Frank McDermott, M. H. Sullivan, John Lally, John Langer, Thos. Connors.

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

There were twenty-four general alarms of fire during the year ending Feb. 15, 1888, and one still alarm caused by lightning. Below we give a statement of the same as near as could be obtained:—

Total insurance on buildings damaged by fire,	\$76,000 00
“ “ contents, “	8,475 00
Total insurance on buildings and contents,	\$84,475 00
Total insurance paid on buildings damaged by fire,	\$2,590 00
“ “ contents, “	7,467 50
Total insurance paid on buildings and contents,	\$10,057 50

Feb. 1, 1887, 6 P. M. Blacksmith shop at the Norcross quarry on the Braggville road, totally destroyed. Cause unknown. Partially insured.

April 15, 2 P. M. Dwelling house, 32 Spring street, owned by the heirs of S. P. Carpenter. Damage \$5. Caused by dropping a lighted match.

April 17, 3.50 P. M. T. C. Donovan's house, South Bow street. Fire caused by children playing with matches. Insured, \$1,000; loss, \$25; insurance paid, \$20.

May 11, 4 P. M. Brush fire at Norcross Bros' quarry, caused by blast at quarry. Damage unknown.

May 12, 3.45 P. M. Fire was discovered in the cellar of the tin shop on School street, owned by C. R. Scott and occupied by Mr. Crofoot. The department worked manfully and saved considerable property by so doing. Insured, \$1,300; loss, \$125; insurance paid, \$125. Caused by boys playing with matches.

May 27, 4 P. M. Patrick Shea's barn, located on East street. Insured, \$300; loss, \$165; insurance paid, \$112. Cause of fire, spontaneous combustion.

June 20, 7.55 P. M. Leonard Hunt's auction room, Central street. Damage slight. No insurance. Caused by lighted pipe in a coat pocket.

Aug. 2, 6.10 A. M. G. T. Fales & Co's store in Claffin's block on Main street. Insurance, \$15,000; damage to building, \$320; insurance on stock, \$5,000; insurance paid on building, \$320;

paid on stock, \$4,900. Caused by lightning striking the electric light wires.

Aug. 16, 12.05 A. M. A. Scripture's bakery, Pine street, in rear of Lincoln House. Damage slight. Caused by fire in oven. Insurance on building, \$5,000.

Aug. 30, 8.40 P. M. James C. Fullum's shed on Main street. Insured, \$50; insurance paid, \$30. Cause incendiary.

Sept. 6, 9.35 P. M. H. A. Barney's coal and wood yard, located on Depot street. Loss on buildings, \$3,000; insurance on stock, \$900; insurance on building, \$1,700; paid on building, \$1,700; on stock, \$800. Caused from fire in the boiler house.

Sept. 7, 9.40 A. M. Second alarm for H. A. Barney's fire.

Sept. 11. Mrs. Mary Butler's house on Central street. No alarm. Damage, \$33; insurance paid, \$33. Cause, lightning. Insurance on building, \$3,000.

Sept. 14, 5.05 A. M. Ryan & Carroll's store, corner of Main and Jefferson streets. Damage on building, \$50; on stock, \$2,500; insurance on building, \$12,500; insurance paid on building, \$50; on stock, \$1,692.50. Caused by spark from electric light.

Sept. 25, 2.30 P. M. M. McNamara's house, Central street. Fire in chimney. No damage. Insurance \$1,200.

Nov. 3, 6.10 P. M. Y. M. C. A. room in Music Hall Block, Main street. No damage. Cause, explosion of kerosene lamp. Insurance on building \$31,500.

Nov. 4, 12.45 P. M. Avery & Woodbury's workshop in the rear of Claflin's Block, Main street. Insurance on building \$1,000; loss on building, \$200; loss on stock, \$75; insurance paid on building, \$200; insurance paid on stock, \$75. Cause, smoking.

Nov. 8, 3.25 P. M. Brush fire on High street on land owned by Geo. G. Parker, Esq. Loss \$200. No insurance. Cause, incendiary.

Dec. 30, 6.30 P. M. Edward Canton's house, Congress street. Chimney on fire. No damage. Insurance \$1,300.

Jan. 5, 1888, 2.10 A. M. Fire was discovered in the house on West street owned by the heirs of the late Edward G. Gallagher and occupied by John Shortell. The house was totally destroyed with all the furniture belonging to Mr. Shortell. Insurance \$1,000. Loss partial.

Jan. 12, 8.20 P. M. An alarm was given for a fire discovered in Hopedale in a barn owned by Edward Gleason. The Milford department responded as far as the line. The barn was totally destroyed with all the contents.

Jan. 14, 6.20 P. M. Mrs. Sybina Doyle's house located on the Braggville road. Fire in wood-box. No damage. Cause, carelessness.

Feb. 9, 6.30 P. M. David L. Day's house on Fruit street, caused by Mr. Day falling down stairs accidentally and dropping



a kerosene lamp. No damage on house. Mr. Day was very badly burned about the head and body, which resulted in death Feb. 10, at 1.45 A. M.

Feb. 10, 5.55 A. M. N. S. Bell's house on Mechanic street. Chimney on fire. No damage.

Feb. 15, 6.30 P. M. C. H. Metcalf's storehouse located on Congress street was totally destroyed, with 5 tons of squashes and a large amount of farming tools. Insurance on building \$150. Caused from sparks from stove used for the purpose of heating the storehouse.

### SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

#### PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF EACH COMPANY, AND THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE SAME.

Milford Steam Fire Engine No. 1, built by Cole Bros., Pawtucket, R. I., has just been inspected and pronounced in perfect condition, and is equipped with 1 set of double harnesses, 1 pair lead bars, 1 whip, 1 pair blankets, 575 feet hose in good condition, 425 feet in poor condition; eleven army coats, 2 rubber coats, 6 pairs spanners, 6 spanner belts, 6 drag ropes, 1 siamese, 2 hydrant couplings, 1 hose bonnet, 1 wheel jack, 1 duster, 1 black walnut table, 4 office chairs, 1 bedstead, 1 mattress, 2 pr's blankets, 2 comforters, 1 spread, 4 sheets, 4 pillows, 2 pillow-cases, 1 looking-glass, 1 chair, 1 carpet, 1 bureau, 2 nozzles.

Aaron Claflin Steam Fire Engine, No. 2, built by the Amoskeag Co., Manchester, N. H., is in good condition, and is in charge of N. B. Fairbanks; equipped with 1 set of double harnesses, 1 siamese, 2 hydrant wrenches, 1 crow-bar, 1 axe, 2 hose jackets, 1 bucket, 50 feet rope, 5 drag ropes, 5 spanner belts, 12 spanners, 575 feet of hose in good condition, 425 feet hose in poor condition, 2 nozzles.

Wide Awake Hose Carriage No. 1, built by Abbott-Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in good condition, and equipped with 550 ft. hose in good condition, 500 ft. hose in poor condition, 1 axe, 1 iron bar, 4 lanterns, 1 blanket, 11 woolen coats, 3 rubber coats, 6 spanners, 1 siamese coupling, 7 drag ropes, 1 duster, 1 broom, 1 oil can, 1 hydrant wrench, 1 single harness, 1 sponge, 1 chamois, 2 nozzles.

Washington Hose Carriage No. 2, built by Abbott-Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in good condition, and equipped with 900 ft. good hose, 250 ft. hose in poor condition, 15 woolen coats, 1 iron bar, 1 pick-axe, 4 lanterns, 2 pipes, 2 nozzles, 3 hydrant wrenches, 1 siamese coupling, 10 drag ropes, 5 spanner belts, 11 spanners, 2 oil cans, 1 oiler, 1 wheel jack, 2 reel cranks, 1 cap, 1 monkey wrench, 1 horse blanket, 1 set single harness, 1 duster, 1 chamois, 1 sponge, 1 stove and pipe for same, 1 settee.

Wm. C. Gillman Hose Carriage No. 4, built by Abbott-Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in fine condition and equipped with

200 ft. new hose, 480 ft. hose in good condition, 350 ft. hose in poor condition, 15 woolen coats, 3 drag ropes, 3 set spanners and belts, 2 lanterns, 1 axe, 1 iron bar, 2 pipes (1 brass and 1 linen), 1 siamese, 1 sponge, 1 pail, 1 carriage jack, 1 stove and pipe for same, 6 chairs, 2 nozzles, 1 duster.

Excelsior Hook & Ladder Truck, built by E. B. Preston & Co., Chicago, Ill., is in excellent condition, and equipped with 165-ft. Bangor ladder, 1 splice ladder, (45ft.,) 1 wall ladder (25 ft.) 1 roof ladder, (12 ft.), 1 roof ladder (19 ft.), 1 wall ladder (11 ft.), 1 roof ladder (25 ft), 5 forks in poor condition, 2 extinguishers in poor condition, 1 drag hook and pole, 3 fire blankets, 6 buckets, 2 iron bars, 1 wrench, 2 pike poles, 1000 ft. rope, 1 extra large rake, 65 ft. lawn hose, 2 stoves, 1 table, 2 oil cans, 1 duster, 75 ft. old lawn hose, 1 gal. vitriol, 18 coat straps, 1 jack, 1 chamois, 1 broom, 1 sponge, 1 box wheel-grease, 1 stove brush, 3 settees, 11 curtains and fixtures, 4 lanterns.

One Hook and Ladder Truck in reserve. I will explain to the citizens of Milford that this truck holds the championship of the world, therefore do not let us part with it.

Property in the Engineers' room: 1 stove and pipe, 2 large office tables, 2 settees, 10 large office chairs, 9 rubber coats, 10 lanterns, 6 badges, 1 pipe and nozzle combined, 2 new water gauges.

There are four buildings owned and occupied by the Department, located as follows: One on South Main street, occupied by Steamers Nos. 1 and 2, in first class condition. One on Spruce street occupied by Hose Co's Nos. 1 and 2, in good fair condition, if banked up. One corner Spruce and Main streets, occupied by Excelsior Hook and Ladder Truck, No. 1, needs some repairing down stairs in truck room.

There are sixteen reservoirs, situated in the thickly settled parts of the town, and four hydrants located in the Depot districts, suitable for steamers only, there not being force enough from them to throw a stream over any building. They have been very convenient in case of fire in this district, and have done good service, and will continue so if properly cared for.

## LOCATION OF HYDRANTS OF THE MILFORD WATER WORKS COMPANY.

Beach street, corner Central.	Central street, opposite Bragg's slip.
Beach street, foot of Simons.	
Central street, corner Front.	Central street, opposite R. E. Foster's shop.
Central street, opposite C. W. Shippee's shop.	Congress street, corner Church Place.
Central street, opposite G. L. Thayer's shop.	



Congress street, corner Exchange.	Main street, opp. Lawrence Bl'k.
Congress street, opposite Pine.	Main street, corner Pine.
Congress street, opposite Spruce.	Main street, corner Jefferson.
Congress street, opp'te Walnut.	Main street, corner Spring.
Chestnut street, corner Orchard.	Main street, corner Spruce.
Claffin street, near R. C. Hussey's house.	Main street, corner Court.
Claffin street, corner Franklin.	Main street, corner North Bow.
East Main street, opp'te Short.	Main street, opposite Sumner.
East Main street, opposite Hopkinton road.	North Bow street, opp. Colburn Fuller & Co's. shop.
East Main street, corner Cook.	North Bow street, opp. Jefferson.
East Main street, head of Beach, opposite Basin.	North Road, opp. I. N. Crosby's house.
Franklin street, opp. Chestnut.	North Road, near A. Gibson's house.
Fruit street, opposite Otis.	Pearl street, corner Main.
Forest street, opp. Claffin.	Pearl street, opposite Granite.
Front street, near J. M. Estabrook's shop.	Pine street, opp. Baptist church.
Grove street, opp. G. G. Parker's house.	Pond street, opp. L. A. Cook's coal office.
High street, corner Spruce.	School street, junction of Pearl.
Jefferson street, opp. Bragg's slip.	School street, opp. High school.
Lawrence street, opp. Quinlan.	School street, corner Spruce.
Mechanic street, corner Winter.	South Main street, cor. Orchard.
Main street, corner Prospect.	South Main street, cor. Forest.
Main street, corner Green.	South Main street, junc. Grove.
Main street, corner Fruit.	South Bow street, cor. Claffin.
Main street, corner Chapin.	South Bow street, cor. Baker's slip.
Main street, corner Hollis.	Sumner street, opp. Granite.
Main street, corner South Main.	West street, corner High.
Main street, corner South Bow.	West street, corner Quinlan.
Main street, corner Central.	Walnut street, corner Emmons.
	Winter street, corner Granite.

## FIRE DISTRICTS AND ALARMS AS ADOPTED BY THE MILFORD FIRE ENGINEERS.

District No. 1 covers the territory included within North Bow and South Bow streets, Main, Spruce, Congress to South Bow, and the alarm for fires in said district will be one long whistle.

District No. 2 comprises the territory from the Town House to Mt. Pleasant street, thence to and through the Plains to the Medway and Holliston lines. Signal, one long and two short whistles.

District No. 3 will take in the territory from the Hopkinton railroad to the Silver Hill road. Signal, one long and three short whistles.

District No. 4 comprises the territory west from Silver Hill road to Water street. Signal, one long and four short whistles.

District No. 5 is between Water and South Main streets to the Hopedale line. Signal, one long and five short whistles.

District No. 6 lies between South Main, Franklin and Depot streets. Signal, one long and six short whistles.

District No. 7, from Depot, between Pond and Mt. Pleasant streets. Signal, one long and seven short whistles.

To facilitate the prompt location of a fire, the Engineers request those having telephones to wire the number of the district to the engineer at the Electric Light station as soon as possible.

### CONCLUSION.

The work of the Department has been most satisfactory the past year. The officers and members have taken great interest in their work and there has been a determination at heart, not only to advance the standard of efficiency where possible, but also to elevate its moral standard, to win and merit the confidence of the public and make the Department second to none in the state. To the officers and members of the Department we desire to return our sincere thanks for their cheerful obedience to our orders and the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties. To the Honorable Board of Selectmen we most heartily return our thanks for the interest they have taken in our Department and for the credit they have given us in performing our duties.

Considerable study and investigation have convinced us, and we think that a little reflection will lead the citizens of the town to the conclusion that the Fire Department is very badly in need of horses for the two hose carriages, Nos. 1 and 2. One year ago we had two good horses and a good driver also, that was always on time at every fire. The above mentioned horses were the two blacks owned by the town, and driven by Charles L. Witherell. On April 1st, 1887, the Board of Selectmen took possession of the horses entirely, and we were obliged to procure other horses to fill the vacancy. Chief Engineer James Powers and Clerk H. E. Madden consulted with Thomas F. Davoren on the case as it stood, and he finally agreed to furnish two suitable horses for the Department for one year for the sum of \$100. This agreement the above-named Engineers accepted, and ordered him on duty from date, April 1st, 1887. Mr. Davoren has fulfilled his agreement according to his judgment, he thinking, at the time of his agreement with the Engineers, that a carriage horse was capable of drawing a hose carriage. This we have found out not to be so. By hiring horses for fire purposes in the

above way, we do not get the same horse twice in succession. We are as liable to get a horse that can draw the carriage and won't, as we are to get one that will draw it and can't. The Engineers do not wish to throw any reflections on Mr. Davoren's horses, whatever. All we have to say is that carriage horses are too high spirited, and will not work in heavy hitches. There is one thing certain, that the citizens and tax-payers of the town on next election day must see that the Board of Selectmen are instructed to grant the Fire Department the use of the town horses for the steamer and hose carriages Nos. 1 and 2. If you wish to have your property protected in case of fire, and your Department kept up to the standard, you must therefore pay strict attention to it at our next town meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. J. BAXTER, Chief Engineer,  
 D. R. JOHNSON, Ass't Engineer,  
 THOS. E. NUTTING, Ass't Engineer,  
 JOHN J. MANNING, Ass't Engineer,  
 A. D. WHITE, Ass't Engineer,  
 HENRY E. MADDEN, Clerk and Treasurer.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The Board of Health have to report that a larger amount of business has come before them during this than any former year. This is probably due in part to the influx of new population, and in part to the increased amount of disease noticed during the year. This latter cause has rendered people generally more careful in matters pertaining to their health, and more inclined to report such nuisances as come under their observation. To be sure, some of these complaints come from quarrelsome neighbors who invoke the aid of the Board of Health to obtain an advantage over their opponents, but the general run of complaints are of well-defined nuisances. The most important work undertaken by the Board was the thorough cleaning of the brook falling into the river near Central street, which by frequent filling with mud, became every year the source of great complaint. The occupiers of the land through which the brook passes with one exception obeyed the order of the Board, and each cleansed his portion, but the owners of the portion passing through the marsh paid no attention to the mandate, and the Board was compelled to have the work performed in that portion of the stream. As to the matter of sewerage, it is the opinion of the Board that early steps should be taken to develop some system. Under present circumstances, notwithstanding the preventives to disease used, the town is becoming yearly more sickly. The chief diseases that can be traced to bad sanitation during the year have been Malarial and Typhoid Fevers, and, in the colder months, Pneumonia. While a good system of sewerage might not abolish these diseases from our midst, experience in other places has shown that by such means their frequency and violence have been greatly mitigated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MACKIN;  
JNO. M. EATON,  
M. P. BURNS,

Board of Health.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 1888.

In hands of Treasurer, closing of books, Feb. 1887,	\$ 742 31
Borrowed of Milford Savings Bank,	21,000 00
Borrowed of Holliston Savings Bank,	10,000 00
Received of	
P. A. Gleason, collector of taxes, 1886,	2,350 09
"                    "            "      1887,	69,310 46
C. A. Dewey, rent of court room, 1886,	300 00
E. A. Brown, "                    "      1887,	300 00
A. W. Beard, rent of armory,	300 00
"          corporation tax, 1886,	17 25
"          Twohey case,	1,479 50
"          corporation tax,	2,549 27
"          national bank tax,	709 95
"          state aid, chapter 252,	866 00
"          "          "	4,210 50
"          support state paupers,	196 09
"          income Mass. school fund,	104 96
Town of Hopedale, county tax, 1886,	1,331 10
"                    "	1,662 52
"                    in full settlement between Hope-	
dale and Milford,	18,436 95
J. H. Barker, concrete work, 1886,	42 64
F. L. Holmes & Co., rent of land to March 1, 1887,	12 00
E. A. Brown, dog tax money returned,	674 04
Town of Stoughton, state aid for Isaac Cox,	24 00
"    Rockland,            "            one Gilbride,	24 00
Milford Gas Co., street lanterns,	7 50
Wm. L. Billings, labor, Lincoln House,	126 00
"                    "    town teams,	260 75
G. A. Sherborne, labor town teams, by C. O. Woodbury,	23 40
Steamer company, bill,	1 00
Milford Water Co., bill, labor, etc.,	127 50
J. D. Hunt, hay bill,	35 00
M. Burns, lock-up key,	1 00
Frank Cahill, lock-up key,	1 00
T. F. Davoren, "            "	1 00
Post 22, G. A. R., rent of hall,	76 00
B. H. Montague, rent of Town Hall,	50 00
"                    use of Town Hall and lock-up,	543 13

J. T. McLoughlin, rent of office,	\$ 50 00
“ oleomargarine licenses,	1 00
“ sidewalk tax collections,	60 94
Dr. Lamson, “ “	49 68
Rev. P. Cuddihy, “ “	148 65
Sale of Town History, including amount paid over by Publishing Committee,	723 25
Benno Medicine Co., license,	10 00
Mrs. S. P. Carpenter, “ Lyceum Hall,	6 00
H. E. Morgan, “ Music Hall,	34 00
J. H. Wood, auctioneer's license,	2 00
E. Mann, “ “	2 00
G. G. Thayer, “ “ (2)	4 00
John Watson, “ “	2 00
J. P. Gallagher, “ “	2 00
C. M. Mason, “ “	2 00
F. A. Robbins, circus “	35 00
J. C. Rockwell Theatre Co., license,	47 00
John Cronan, pool license,	2 00
J. H. Keefe, “ “	2 00
Louis Roden, “ “	2 00
A. Goucher, “ “	2 00
D. Quinn, “ “	2 00
C. H. Gillon, “ “	2 00
J. O. Mahoney, “ “	2 00
B. Manion, “ “	2 00
Thos. Kelley, “ “	2 00
O. F. Knowlton & Co., pool license,	2 00
Wm. A. Pond, “ “	2 00
N. Fregeau, “ “	2 00
J. F. McGuinness, “ “	2 00
J. L. Keefe, “ “	2 00
J. L. Martin, “ “	2 00
M. Howard, “ “	2 00
Charles Smith, “ “	2 00
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Received for liquor licenses as follows:—

Wm. A. Pond,	\$125 00	D. Quinn,	\$125 00
B. Manion,	125 00	O. F. Knowlton,	125 00
J. F. Stratton,	125 00	J. Cronan,	125 00
J. O. Mahoney,	125 00	P. Gillon,	125 00
Wm. Quinlan,	125 00	E. Ward,	125 00
L. Roden,	125 00	J. Dillon,	125 00
Thos. Graven,	125 00	T. Mullen,	125 00
D. Nugent,	125 00	M. Tiernan,	125 00
Wm. Fitzpatrick,	125 00	T. Quirk,	125 00
K. Fitzgerald,	125 00	H. Conley,	125 00
J. J. Milan,	125 00	L. R. Hazard,	125 00

Chas. Smith,	\$125 00	H. E. Morgan,	\$ 75 00
J. J. Martin,	125 00	J. A. Rice,	75 00
J. H. Keefe,	125 00	L. A. Lamson,	75 00
Thos. Kelley,	125 00	Mrs. D. Kelley,	50 00
Joseph Woods,	125 00	Geo. Tully,	50 00
J. L. O'Keefe,	125 00	P. Reynolds,	50 00
N. Fregeau,	125 00	Mrs. C. M. McCormick,	50 00
Wm. Sheehan,	125 00	Albert Lavery,	50 00
Mrs. Cauley,	125 00	Kate Callanan,	50 00
J. Rogers,	125 00	J. T. Dizier,	200 00
T. McGee,	125 00	A. Goucher,	200 00
Jas. Bradley,	125 00	C. H. Gillon,	200 00
R. Holland,	125 00	J. F. McGuinnis,	200 00
A. F. Burke,	125 00	W. P. Beals,	200 00
M. Howard,	125 00	Jas. Igoe,	175 00
G. H. Brigham,	125 00	J. F. Stratton,	175 00
Jas. H. Conley,	125 00	P. Gillon,	175 00
B. J. McNally,	125 00	L. R. Hazard,	175 00
H. A. Greeley,	57 00	J. H. Matthews,	166 50
A. H. Sweet,	57 00		
T. H. Mann,	57 00	Total,	<u>\$7,616 50</u>
Total receipts,			\$146,726 93
Paid on Selectmen's orders,			<u>145,422 72</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands,			\$1,304 21

## TOWN DEBT.

Statement of town debt, as it appears at time of closing the books:—

Bonds (5's) held by Milford Savings bank, due 1893,	\$40,000
Memorial Hall note ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ 's) on demand,	15,000
Bonds (6's) held by Milford Savings bank, due 1897,	10,000
Bonds (6's) held by parties in Boston, due 1897,	15,000
Selectmen's notes (5's) on demand to make up deficiency in paying town debt,	7,000
Treasurer's notes (5's) on demand, borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	<u>7,000</u>
	\$94,000

Besides above I have on hand approved bills amounting to \$184.13 and accrued interest on above bonds now due, \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS HAYDEN, Town Treasurer.

Milford, Feb. 18, 1888.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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[Any tax-payer wishing to examine bills can do so by applying to the Clerk of the Board.]

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

#### Orders drawn

P. Conniff, labor,	\$.	5	40
Mrs. A. M. Holmes, rent of barn,		100	00
T. C. Eastman, grain,		417	05
J. J. Grothe, blacksmithing, ('86),		8	70
J. J. Grothe, " "		61	94
Lydia Blood, gravel, ('86),		5	00
T. N. Ide, blacksmithing,		107	62
American Road Machine Co., supplies,		8	70
Prentice & Son, grain,		438	44
Timothy Shea, curbing,		200	95
John P. Pratt, oil,		18	00
Henry S. Cushman, harness supplies,		65	80
Stevens & Johnson, blacksmithing,		3	62
Field Bros., lumber and straw,		108	39
Field Bros., labor of man and team,		9	60
Eli Bates, plank,		20	75
S. Johnson, blacksmithing,		16	55
M. & W. and N. Y. & N. E. freight bill,		7	09
Ira N. Ide, blacksmithing,		38	10
C. C. Fisk, hay,		126	74
W. D. Nickerson, babbitt-metal,		3	94
James A. Boyce, blacksmithing,		9	86
Farrel Foundry & Machine Co., supplies,		132	47
Thos. B. Adams & Co., belting,		45	41
G. A. Sherborne, horses on acc't fire dep't.,		21	25
Miller & Shaw, grate for crusher,		6	70
Lysander Grow, blacksmithing,		20	40
C. A. Ambler & Co., supplies,		19	18
W. L. Billings, one horse,		291	59
"          doctoring horses,		30	00
"          medicine,		7	50
"          sundry bills,		5	43
N. Frank Davis, packing for crusher,		6	00
James Taylor, gravel,		15	33
South Boston Iron Works, supplies,		20	88
Boston & Albany R. R., freight bill,		1	66



Weed Bros. & Lent, labor,	\$ 29 10	
L. A. Cook, coal and wood for crusher,	225 16	
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies,	113 23	
John McDonough, labor,	10 00	
Michael Slattery, labor,	6 00	
Henry Willard, labor and repairing crusher,	178 50	
J. F. Haskell, carting gravel,	5 50	
Jervis Cook, hay and straw,	61 50	
Milford Water Co., water for crusher,	20 00	
Cyrus Noyes, supplies,	2 66	
E. Mann, constructing culvert,	15 00	
Cook Bros., tallow,	4 36	
A. A. Taft, gravel,	8 30	
“ rent of land for crusher, 18 months,	90 00	
Mrs. Flanigan, gravel,	1 68	
W. Johnson, use of horse,	15 75	
L. Gaskill, gravel,	13 44	
M. Reynolds, labor,	2 00	
C. M. Thayer, supplies,	3 67	
L. E. Belknap, labor and repairing,	45 25	
H. A. Barney, use of horse,	4 50	
“ gravel,	16 90	
D. B. Rockwood, blacksmithing,	22 30	
Fred M. Walker, supplies for stable,	2 75	
J. Macuen, gravel,	11 48	
A. Bragg, “	1 68	
B. F. Cook, “	2 66	
S. W. Hayward, gravel,	6 00	
Mr. Walpole, “	9 30	
E. Gallagher, “	26 60	
Mr. Corrigan, “	1 68	
Mrs. Blood, “	9 45	
Mrs. Flaherty, “	3 30	
	<hr/>	\$3,376 74

## AMOUNT FOR LABOR.

W. L. Billings, superintendent, 10 months,	\$750 00	
C. O. Woodbury,	799 93	
	<hr/>	\$1,549 93
Fred Walker,	\$609 00	
C. Witherell,	609 00	
B. Kiernan,	607 00	
James McAvoy,	435 59	
Patrick Donlon,	422 15	
P. Glennon,	400 65	
Terrence Sheedy,	403 70	
Patrick Casey,	349 55	
Phil Gilday,	356 60	
Patrick Milan,	357 50	

Henry McAvoy,	\$334 30	
John Drony,	304 40	
J. McGuire,	248 20	
T. Sullivan,	110 00	
M. Shay,	103 50	
Mr. Quinn,	99 80	
P. Boyle,	75 20	
P. Clancy,	67 40	
B. Gibbons,	63 00	
James Cannon,	55 20	
J. Hayes,	34 00	
J. Simpson,	31 00	
J. Cullen,	24 40	
J. McGrath,	16 50	
James Bolan,	9 00	
W. Sherman,	8 00	
J. Conley,	4 05	
J. Campbell,	90	
	<hr/>	\$6,139 59
Total amount expended,		\$11,066 26
Amount appropriated,	\$8,000 00	
Earnings of Highway Department:—		
Milford Water Co., labor,	133 50	
A. Seaver, labor,	126 00	
Work done for other Departments:—		
Memorial Hall Square,	111 00	
Sidewalks,	148 50	
Fire Department,	68 00	
School Department,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,592 00
Extra amount authorized at Sept. meeting,	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,592 00
Exceeded appropriation,		\$574 26

## TOWN INCIDENTALS.

S. C. Sumner, checking list,	\$ 10 00
Ellam & Gleason,	23 70
Sherborne & Wishart, express,	30
James Powers, team,	1 00
" bill,	4 50
G. M. Billings, printing reports 1886-7, etc.,	146 00
" printing voting lists,	25 00
" sundry bills,	45 25
C. A. Hoyt, labor,	5 55
Cornelius McGann, labor,	4 00
John Shea, burying hog,	1 00

M. P. Burns, burying nuisances,	\$ 1 00
Times Pub. Co., printing and advertising,	73 25
W. E. Cheney, posting bills,	3 50
M. W. Edwards, return of deaths, ('86),	22 75
Crohen Connell, burying 2 cats,	1 00
George A. Sherborne, sprinkling street,	15 00
“ teaming,	8 85
W. H. Pyne, services as teller,	3 00
M. R. Warren, license blanks,	15 52
W. P. Beals, bill,	4 50
C. R. Scott, rent of armory,	275 00
Cook & Sons, printing and advertising,	101 75
Cyrus Noyes, bill,	9 13
John Usher, water,	5 00
Wm. Campbell, burying carcasses,	2 50
John T. Ryan, burying dog,	1 00
Edward Quirk, burying cat,	1 00
Capt. J. T. Berrill, target range, Co. M,	25 00
“ armory rent,	25 00
Dwyer Bros., lettering,	8 00
M. W. Edwards and 12 others, police duty July 3 and 4,	68 00
James Berghin, repairing fence,	2 75
Howard Watch & Clock Co., repairs on town clock,	23 00
L. A. Cook, coal for armory, ('86),	8 76
J. Hubbard & Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen atomizers,	7 50
Guizeppe Cutrano, labor, per order Board of Health,	72 05
Elias Whitney, locating boundary,	1 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, record book,	12 00
C. S. Albee, abating nuisance,	50
John Coffey, “ “	50
John Alster, “ “	1 00
Frank Cooney, “ “	50
Edward Hayward, damage by dogs,	75
Bushee & Johnston, express,	35
M. J. Buckley, services as teller,	6 00
Alton A. Cook, surveying and measurements,	82 77
C. A. Sumner, services as teller,	3 00
James Flynn and Wm. Campbell, burying cat and dog,	1 50
Adams Express Co., express,	50
J. F. McGuinness, bill,	5 00
Milford Water Co., water for armory,	9 00
“ water for Dilla St. trough,	40 00
“ water for Main St. trough,	23 38
J. M. French, M. D., attending Charles Govan,	5 00
James Mulligan, M. D., “ “	2 00
Wm. Emery, services attending “	8 90

James Hill, ringing town bell,	\$ 2 50	
Daily News, advertising,	6 25	
John Gilbride, military aid on acc't of Rockland, Mass.,	18 00	
M. W. Edwards, bill,	1 50	
A. J. Sumner, taxes abated and returned,	4 37	
G. W. Stacy, stationery,	22 01	
J. M. Wood, repairs in No. Purchase cemetery,	6 25	
M. Broderick, watchman Memorial Hall Sq.,	10 00	
Chas. Mackin, M. D., return of births,	14 00	
James Mulligan, " " "	2 00	
J. M. French, " " "	3 00	
M. W. Knight, " " "	10 00	
Jno. J. Duggan, " " "	4 75	
C. D. Albro, " " "	25	
M. W. Edwards, return of deaths,	29 00	
Wood & Nye, " "	17 00	
G. M. Brown, supplies,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,406 14

## SALARIES.

M. Broderick, services at town meetings,	\$ 5 00
" patrol duty on Main street,	206 25
James H. Burns, patrol duty on Main street,	206 25
O. D. Holmes, night watch,	84 00
" constable,	47 00
W. J. Coakley, registrar, ('86),	25 00
A. Wheeler, " "	25 00
Jesse A. Taft, " "	25 00
L. Hayden, " "	25 00
John T. Ryan, patrol duty on East Main St.,	54 00
Chas. H. Waters, patrol duty on East Main St.,	54 00
W. S. V. Cooke, services as Assessor,	175 00
Geo. E. Stacy, " "	185 00
A. J. Sumner, " "	132 50
" expenses and postage,	1 96
Geo. W. Stacy, use of horse for Assessors,	7 50
P. P. Field, services as Selectman,	325 00
M. W. Edwards, services as Selectman,	300 00
C. H. Walker, services as Selectman,	300 00
J. A. Taft, Registrar,	75 00
A. Wheeler, " "	75 00
James Murray, jr., " "	75 00
John T. McLoughlin, Registrar,	75 00
E. J. Dalton, constable for Registrars,	2 00
" dog officer,	10 00
J. T. McLoughlin, services as Town Clerk,	75 00
" " clerk of Selectmen,	100 00
" coll't'g and ret'n'g births, deaths, etc.,	134 15



J. T. McLoughlin, postage and express,	\$ 7 85	
C. L. Clark, services as Overseer,	325 00	
John Smith, " "	100 00	
P. P. O'Donnell, " "	100 00	
L. Hayden, services as Treasurer,	250 00	
" postage and express,	5 00	
B. H. Montague, sealer of weights,	20 00	
P. A. Gleason, tax collector, '86,	22 56	
" " '87,	764 82	
M. P. Burns, services Board of Health,	107 70	
J. M. Eaton, M. D., " "	40 00	
" expenses,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,548 54

## DAMAGES AND LAW SUITS.

Mrs. Catherine Neugent, for injuries received on sidewalk,	\$ 50 00	
John Maroney, for injuries on highway,	100 00	
S. C. Sumner, for wife's injuries received on sidewalk,	150 00	
P. H. Curran, expenses to court at Worcester, '86,	9 16	
" " and services in Hopedale case,	20 00	
P. H. Curran, expenses in Beatty case,	7 91	
M. W. Edwards, expenses to Brookfield, Meehan case,	5 00	
P. P. Field and M. W. Edwards, expenses to Boston in Hopedale case and to Brookfield in Meehan case,	28 53	
Chas. D. Gay, stenographer, one half expense of Hopedale case,	7 50	
Wm. Gaston, Esq., services Hopedale case,	250 00	
H. E. Fales, Esq., " "	150 00	
Simeon Borden, Esq., one half expense of commissioners, Hopedale case,	175 00	
Kent & Dewey, legal services in Shea cases,	167 00	
Fred Swasey, services in Shea cases,	114 00	
S. W. Hayward, summonses and witnesses in Shea cases,	10 05	
J. T. McLoughlin, expenses at Worcester in Shea cases,	2 00	
P. P. Field, witnesses and expenses at Worcester in Sheacases,	32 45	
Poor department, expenses at court and legislature in Twohey case,	101 86	
P. P. Field, expenses to Boston and Worcester,	6 46	
Chas. Mackin, M. D., services, Meehan case,	10 00	
Mary Ann Meehan, damages in full,	625 00	
A. Stevens, witness, Beatty case,	3 00	

H. E. Fales, Esq., legal services in Beatty and Meehan cases and notices for Board of Health,	\$250 40	
C. H. Walker, expenses on Meehan case,	5 00	
O. D. Holmes, witness, Beatty case,	6 50	
L. E. Fales, " " "	3 00	
H. C. Snell, sum'ns's and witn'ses, Meehan case,	21 80	
" " " Beatty case,	39 00	
P. P. Field, expenses, Beatty and Meehan cases,	50 55	
J. M. West, witness, Beatty case,	6 00	
Jos. H. Wood, Esq., attorney for Mrs. Beatty in full settlement,	1,112 95	
	<hr/>	\$3,520 12
Total,		<hr/> \$9,474 80

## MEMORIAL HALL SQUARE.

C. A. Wright, building cellar of hose house,	\$179 94	
" stone for " "	10 40	
" extra labor "	15 65	
Benj. Hartford, moving hose house,	200 00	
T. C. Coffey, labor,	3 85	
Otis Whitney & Son, labor on hose house,	381 20	
Cyrus Noyes, painting hose house,	43 00	
John Robertson, stone for hose house,	12 25	
Leonard Hunt, award,	1250 00	
Heirs of Diana Cook, award,	1250 00	
Heirs of Angenette Thayer, award,	4000 00	
H. C. Ross, curbing,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,496 29

## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

W. E. Phillips,	\$ 129 19	
Richardson & Carr,	15 00	
Simpson Bros.,	1,173 74	
Timothy Shea, curbing,	57 38	
	<hr/>	\$1,375 31

## BETTERMENTS PAID.

Rev. P. Cuddihy,	\$148 75	
P. P. Field,	56 06	
John Robertson,	44 63	
B. & A. R. R. Co.,	4 88	
	<hr/>	\$254 32

## DUE THE TOWN.

M. & W. R. R. Co.,	\$51 47	
Milford Land Co.,	48 36	
Charles River Shoe Factory Co.,	46 61	
Godfrey estate,	45 51	
	<hr/>	\$191 95
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		\$446 27

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

L. E. Fales, secretary,	\$2,139 42	
W. T. Leonard, superintendent,	7,243 88	
S. F. Blodgett, superintendent,	11,801 76	
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	\$21,185 06	
Israel Nickerson, cleaning schoolhouses,	35 00	
J. Madden, water,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$21,225 06

## POOR DEPARTMENT.

C. L. Clark, chairman,	\$10,040 00
C. L. Clark, chairman, state pauper money returned from state treasurer,	\$196 09

## TOWN LIBRARY.

N. F. Blake, treasurer,	\$500 00	
N. F. Blake, treasurer, $\frac{1}{2}$ dog tax,	337 02	
	<hr/>	\$837 02

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. E. Madden, clerk and treasurer,	\$4,750 00	
Milford Water Co., water for Spruce street hose house,	11 76	
	<hr/>	\$4,761 76

## GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

Milford Gas Light Co.,	\$1,027 83	
Globe Gas Light Co.,	835 02	
Milford Electric Light Co.,	1,391 67	
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	\$3,254 52	
Globe Gas Light Co., supplies,	37 76	
Michael Slattery, moving lamp,	1 50	
John Burnett, repairing lamps,	1 30	
E. P. Gleason Mfg. Co., globes,	10 03	
	<hr/>	\$3,305 11

## INTEREST.

Milford Savings Bank,	\$3,580 69	
Hide & Leather Bank,	1,350 00	
Holliston Savings Bank,	158 85	
	<hr/>	\$5,089 54

## TOWN HALL AND LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

L. L. Wheelock, plastering,	\$2 07	
J. Allen Rice, drug supplies, ('86),	5 15	
“ “	8 35	
James Murray, jr., lockup key,	1 00	
T. F. Hayes, lockup key,	1 00	
Field Bros., coal,	189 20	
T. E. Morse, painting lockup,	20 75	
O. D. Holmes, lockup key,	1 00	
M. P. Callanan, supplies,	65 48	
C. A. Ambler & Co., supplies,	1 70	
J. A. Simpson, repairing settees,	9 70	
Bartlett & Ellis bill,	42 91	
E. E. Bates, lockup key,	1 00	
Milford Water Co., water,	9 00	
Hixon Bros., curtain and fixtures,	3 30	
B. H. Montague, supplies,	34 49	
“ salary lockup keeper,	100 00	
“ “ janitor,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$696 10

## TOWN PARK ACCOUNT.

Hugh Smith, labor,	\$32 00	
John Coffey, “	5 00	
S. A. Cook, “	1 00	
O. D. Holmes, constable,	5 00	
Field Bros., lumber,	3 49	
W. F. Reynolds, material,	1 25	
Cook & Sons, printing,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$49 24

## MEMORIAL HALL ACCOUNT.

H. B. Thayer, janitor,	\$300 00	
Lee Brothers, gas governor,	30 00	
H. A. Barney, coal,	47 80	
C. A. Ambler & Co., supplies,	2 95	
G. A. Sherborne, teaming,	2 25	
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies,	41 00	
Waldo Bros., cement,	37 00	
Timothy Shea, steps, etc.,	174 75	



H. B. Thayer, door mat,	\$ 1 00	
Boston & Albany R. R. Co., freight,	7 63	
Henry Willard, labor and repairs,	1 60	
A. S. Pickering, labor, cementing cellar,	30 97	
Otis Whitney & Son, repairing,	2 30	
Eldredge & Beatty, painting,	3 40	
Milford Water Co., water,	50 00	
L. A. Cook, cement,	9 60	
Field Bros., coal,	151 20	
T. E. Morse, bill,	1 87	
J. L. Buxton, labor on tablets,	1 35	
Milford Gas Co., for library,	134 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,031 57

## MEMORIAL DAY.

B. H. Montague, appropriation,	\$100 00
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## VERNON GROVE CEMETERY.

H. C. Skinner, trustee,	\$150 00
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## LAWRENCE STREET.

Labor,	\$146 45	
I. N. Crosby, drain pipe,	23 76	
Maurice Foley, lanterns and lighting,	1 85	
Wm. Jones, teaming,	5 00	
Norcross Bros., stone,	3 25	
Bartlett & Ellis, drain pipe,	78 31	
P. Gillon, gravel,	16 80	
	<hr/>	\$275 42

## WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

W. H. Barney, rent of hydrants,	\$3,354 79
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## PLANS AND SURVEYS OF SEWERAGE COMMITTEE.

Ernest W. Bowditch, services for surveys and estimates,	\$785 00	
James R. Davis, legal services and expenses,	15 00	
James F. Stratton, expenses to Boston,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$812 00

## NATIONAL BANK TAX.

A. W. Beard, state treasurer,	\$4,177 56
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## STATE TAX.

A. W. Beard, state treasurer,	\$6,952 50
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## LIQUOR LICENSES.

A. W. Beard, treasurer, one fourth amount received, \$1,904 12

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

A. W. Beard, treasurer, \$88 68

## MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Holliston Savings Bank, note,	\$10,000 00	
Milford Savings Bank, note,	10,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$20,000 00

## TOWN DEBT.

Milford Savings Bank, town bonds, \$25,000 00

## STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid by L. Hayden, treasurer, as follows:—

State aid,	\$4,089 00	
Military aid,	1,852 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,941 00

## RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

		APPROPRIATION.
Highway department,	\$11,066 26	\$ 8,000
Incidentals,	9,474 80	5,000
Schools,	21,225 06	20,500
Poor department,	10,236 09	9,000
Town debt,	25,000 00	5,000
Money borrowed and paid,	20,000 00	
State tax,	6,952 52	
National bank tax,	4,177 56	
State and military aid,	5,941 00	600
Liquor licenses,	1,904 12	
Water for fire purposes,	3,354 79	3,000
Interest,	5,089 54	5,500
Fire department,	4,761 76	4,600
Gas and street lights,	3,305 11	3,000
Memorial Hall Square,	7,496 29	
“ account,	1,031 57	
Town Hall and Lockup,	696 10	
Plans and surveys, Sewer Committee,	812 00	1,200
Lawrence street,	275 42	500
Town Park,	49 24	75
Library,	837 02	500

		APPROPRIATION.
Concrete sidewalks,	\$1,375 31	\$500
Vernon Grove cemetery,	150 00	150
Memorial Day,	100 00	100
Support of paupers,	88 68	
Burial lots,	22 50	
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	\$145,422 72	

P. P. FIELD,  
M. W. EDWARDS,  
C. H. WALKER,  
Selectmen of Milford.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1887-8.

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MILFORD, MASS.:  
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## School Committee 1887-'88.

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CHARLES MACKIN,	Term expires 1890
R. H. COCHRAN,	" " 1890
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,	" " 1889
CHARLES E. WHITNEY,	" " 1889
GEORGE G. PARKER,	" " 1888
GEORGE E. STACY,	" " 1888

### ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE G. PARKER, Chairman,  
S. F. BLODGETT, Secretary.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

S. F. BLODGETT.

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

#### *Rules and Regulations.*

R. H. COCHRAN, CHARLES MACKIN,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Teachers and Examinations.*

JOSEPH F. HICKEY, GEORGE E. STACY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Repairs.*

CHARLES MACKIN, CHARLES E. WHITNEY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Text-books and Supplies.*

R. H. COCHRAN, GEORGE G. PARKER,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Fuel.*

CHARLES E. WHITNEY, JOSEPH F. HICKEY.

# Report of the School Committee.

1888.

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The employment of a Superintendent relieves the Committee of the direct management of the schools, and limits their duties to a general supervision, including the employment of teachers, fixing their compensation, directing repairs, supplying text-books and fuel, prescribing courses of study and methods of promotion, and providing suitable accommodations. And this the law requires them to do without compensation. It is also expected that the Committee will carefully consider the appropriations required for the school department, and make an annual recommendation to the town, as to the amounts required.

It seems imperative now, to recommend the erection of a new school building to accommodate the two schools occupying the Old Town House building. There can be no question that this building should be abandoned as a schoolhouse and a new one erected in a locality suiting the convenience of the pupils now attending there. The lot on Spruce street, in the rear of Memorial Hall, is the place in all respects the most desirable. A building similar to the Chapin street schoolhouse, with two rooms on the same floor, will meet the present necessities of the case. That house was built in 1867 at a cost of about \$5000, including land and all furnishings. Probably \$4000 will meet the cost of one of the same capacity on land owned by the town.

The town has had a long reprieve from the cost of schoolhouse building. Since 1870, for seventeen years, the town has not been called upon to build a new schoolhouse, though additions have been made in two cases. During the thirteen years preceding that date, the town erected and furnished twelve different school buildings, including the four large Grammar schoolhouses, at a cost of over \$58,000. Under these considerations it

cannot be supposed that the town will longer postpone this much needed appropriation.

Mr. Leonard, the former Superintendent, declining further service, Mr. S. F. Blodgett was engaged in his place, beginning his service at the opening of the schools in September last. With previous experience as a teacher and supervisor, and devoting himself faithfully to the duties of his position; he has met the highest expectations of the Committee and the confidence and approval of all concerned or interested in the welfare of the schools.

The teachers, so far as possible, have been selected from residents of the town. Outside of the High school, almost the whole corps of teachers have received their education in our own schools, and reside at their own homes. While the standard of qualification has been raised, our own pupils, by industry and application during the prescribed course of study in the town schools, or by further study at the Normal schools, have found no difficulty in attaining it. This is the best policy and should be as strictly followed as practicable.

A successful attempt has been made to improve the evening school and render it more attractive and useful. It was decided to occupy a room in the High school building, where the surroundings were more attractive and the access more convenient. J. H. Wood, Esq. was prevailed upon to take charge of it for another term, as his qualifications were well established. It was found necessary to employ an assistant, and Miss N. M. Conely was appointed. The attendance has been large and regular, and a greater interest than ever before manifested in the work prescribed.

For a detailed statement of the schools, their progress, condition, numbers, classification, expenditure, and general results, reference is made to the reports of the Secretary and Superintendent, hereto appended and approved by the board. Especial attention is called to the suggestions of the Superintendent in regard to the introduction of music as a school exercise. A fitting tribute will also be found to the memory of one of our most efficient and faithful teachers, Miss Mary J. Kelly, who died soon after Mr. Blodgett took charge of the schools. But his acquaintance was long enough to learn her fidelity to duty, and her courage and fortitude in its performance, even when her strength and life were almost gone. No warrior ever fell at his post with greater heroism.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee recommend the following appropriations :—

Salaries of teachers,	\$15,000 00
Salary of Superintendent,	1,500 00
Fuel,	1,100 00
Repairs,	1,000 00
Text-books and Supplies,	1,100 00
Incidentals,	1,000 00
Evening school,	500 00
Janitors,	1,000 00
Drawing teacher,	360 00
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	\$22,560 00

GEORGE G. PARKER,  
 GEORGE E. STACY,  
 CHARLES MACKIN,  
 R. H. COCHRAN,  
 JOSEPH F. HICKEY,  
 CHARLES E. WHITNEY,  
 School Committee.



## REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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The following statement includes all bills contracted during the year ending Feb. 1, 1888, or left over from previous years, so far as known. The check for \$2.46 was one which was drawn in 1884, payable to M. P. Callanan. This check has never been presented for payment, and is supposed to have been lost. I have added the amount in our check-book, in order to have the check-book balance with our bank account.

The amount from the State School Fund is less this year than last, by \$9.65. This is accounted for by the decrease in population, owing to the division of the town. The amount overdrawn is more than accounted for by the employment of an additional assistant in the High school, and in the common schools two more assistants than last year. The repair account was much larger this year than last, and still many repairs which were needed were not made. I have spoken of this more fully in the Superintendent's report.

Our total amount drawn shows \$3.83 less than the Treasurer's report. Last year it was \$3.83 more, and was fully explained at that time.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount voted by town,	\$20,500 00
One-half of the dog tax,	337 02
State school fund,	104 96
Books sold,	43 32
Check brought forward,	2 46
Overdrawn,	239 25

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Total,

\$21,227 01

## EXPENSES.

Salaries of teachers in day schools,	\$14,669 55
“ janitors “ “	879 00
“ teachers and janitor eve’g school,	230 00
“ drawing teacher,	289 00
“ superintendent,	1,500 00
Amount paid for incidental expenses,	817 46
“ repairs,	581 08
“ books and supplies,	1,153 10
“ fuel,	1,107 82
	<hr/> \$21,227 01

## FUEL.

H. A. Barney, coal,	\$850 20
H. A. Barney, wood,	84 72
L. A. Cook, coal,	172 90
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## TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Pulsifer, Jordan & Pfaff,	\$ 43 20
King & Merrill,	174 79
C. W. Clark,	41 76
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	67 34
Wm. Ware & Co.,	64 91
J. W. Harris,	7 25
Cowperthwait & Co.,	38 50
Harrison Hume,	132 24
D. Appleton & Co.,	13 22
G. F. Winch,	2 75
Atlantic Paper Co.,	30 96
B. A. Fowler,	35 00
Ginn & Co.,	7 86
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	6 16
J. Allen Rice,	42 33
J. L. Hammett,	52 96
George S. Perry,	26 30
G. M. Brown,	16 84
Carter, Rice & Co.,	2 75
Boston School Supply Co.,	3 00
Interstate Publishing Co.,	33 34
G. W. Stacy,	5 25

L. S. Aiken,	\$12 00	
Holden Book Cover Co.,	89 50	
Clark & Maynard,	74	
Harper & Brothers,	67 95	
Carl Schoenhoff,	6 24	
W. S. Reed,	14 00	
C. H. Whiting,	38 67	
E. C. Claflin,	14 32	
F. M. Ambrose,	16 20	
Leach, Shewel & Sanborn,	20 63	
Frost & Adams,	10 06	
W. P. Adams,	7 08	
Paul A. Garey,	7 00	
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Total,		\$1,153 10

## REPAIRS.

John Taft, mason work,	\$62 43	
Bartlett & Ellis, brooms, brushes and repairs,	32 12	
A. S. Crofoot, repairs on stoves,	44 44	
T. E. Morse, painting,	7 48	
Weed Bros. & Lent, carpentering,	21 89	
W. E. Phillips, concreting,	67 67	
C. A. Ambler & Co., repairs,	60	
M. Spellman, labor,	3 00	
John Callahan, labor,	2 60	
Elias Whitney, "	9 00	
A. M. Perham, repairing well,	15 00	
John Martin, labor,	4 00	
Patrick Dillon, building fence,	108 83	
I. C. Soule, carpentering,	64 94	
Charles Williams, labor,	8 50	
G. H. Whittemore, repairing clock,	11 00	
Field Brothers, lumber,	12 68	
S. J. Smith, lightning rods,	17 75	
C. A. Wright, mason work,	21 75	
Henry Willard, cleaning boiler,	10 02	
Eldredge & Beatty, glazing,	45 48	
J. F. Hickey, window curtains,	9 90	
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Total,		\$581 08

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Truant officers,	\$99 99
W. T. Leonard, incidental expenses,	34 25
S. F. Blodgett, " "	44 36
G. M. Billings, printing,	80 25
Cook & Sons, " "	76 75
L. E. Fales, salary as secretary,	25 00
Adams Express Co., express,	3 90
H. E. Morgan, use of Music Hall,	25 00
J. P. Gallagher, printing,	5 75
S. H. Leavens, expenses,	3 94
Bartlett & Ellis, brooms, brushes, etc.,	32 98
G. A. Sherborne, carting,	2 59
Milford Gaslight Co.,	40 90
Milford Water Co.,	107 00
Michael Casey, water,	5 00
Geo. P. Colburn, shavings,	8 50
Z. E. Ball, labor, etc.,	24 60
F. Gould, labor, etc.,	3 00
W. E. Cheney, posting bills,	1 00
P. Cronan, cleaning vaults,	32 00
G. Whittemore, labor,	10 25
Daily News, printing,	2 00
T. F. Davoren, teams,	13 50
Charles Williams, teams,	11 00
Avery & Woodbury, mats and brushes,	13 45
Mrs. L. G. Boyns, cleaning,	4 88
Israel Nickerson, cleaning,	48 00
L. A. Cook, cement,	1 70
John Costello, water and labor,	7 00
N. Jewell, water 3 years,	9 00
G. A. Drew, water,	5 00
R. Stone, water,	3 00
John Gleason, water,	3 00
C. F. Wight, tuning piano,	2 00
H. C. Kendall, diplomas,	4 40
H. W. Lull, incidentals,	22 52

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Total,

\$817 46



## SUMMARY.

Orders drawn on Town Treasurer,	\$21,181 23	
Received for books sold,	43 32	
Check brought forward,	2 46	
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Total amount expended,		\$21,227 01
Total appropriations and receipts,		20,987 76
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Exceeded appropriations,		\$239 25
S. F. BLODGETT, Secretary.		

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Milford, Feb. 13, 1888.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held this evening, it was voted to adopt the report of the Superintendent as a part of the report of the School Committee.

S. F. BLODGETT, Secretary.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MILFORD :—

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my first report, which is the eleventh annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, and covers the time from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1887. I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for the kindness and courtesy which they have extended to me since I assumed the duties of this office.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Milford in 1880,	9,310
“ “ 1888, estimated,	10,500
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1887,	1,529
Decrease from 1886,	21

#### SCHOOLHOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied,	17
“ “ not occupied,	1
“ rooms occupied,	36
“ “ not occupied,	4

#### SCHOOLS.

High school,	1
Grammar schools,	11
Primary, “	15
Ungraded schools,	5
Evening school,	1

## TEACHERS.

High school, (male 1, female 3,)	4
Grammar,	11
Primary,	15
Ungraded,	5
Assistants,	4
Drawing,	1
Evening school, (male 1, female 1,)	2
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Total number of teachers employed,	42
Number of teachers graduates of Milford High school,	30
“ “ “ of Normal School or College,	14
“ “ who have attended Normal or Training school,	22
Number of times teachers have been tardy,	61
Number of half days teachers have been absent,	19

## PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age in May, 1887,	1,529
Decrease,	21
Number registered under 5 years of age,	5
Number registered between 5 and 15 years of age,	1,477
Number over 15,	131
Total number of children registered,	1,589
Decrease,	47
Average number belonging in day schools,	1,267
Average daily attendance,	1,153
Per cent of daily attendance to average number belonging,	91
“ “ “ whole number registered,	72.5
Number of half day's absence,	35,490
“ cases of dismissal,	1,344
“ “ tardiness,	3,043
“ “ truancy,	56
Total enrolment of evening school,	55
Average attendance,	43.75
Per cent of attendance,	80

## FINANCIAL.

Salaries of teachers, janitors and superintendent,	\$17,567 55
Fuel,	1,107 82

Books and supplies,		\$1,153 10
Repairs,		581 08
Incidentals,		817 46
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Total expenditures,		\$21,227 01
Value of books and supplies on hand Feb.		
1, 1887,	\$ 639 80	
Value of books and supplies bought during		
the year,	1153 10	
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Value of books and supplies on hand Feb. 1,		
1888,	\$671 71	
Value of books and supplies sold during the		
year,	43 32	
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Net cost of books and supplies to the town,		\$1,077 87
Total expenditures,	\$21,227 01	
Books and supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1887,	639 80	
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Books and supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1888,	\$671 71	
" " sold,	43 32	
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Net cost of schools to the town,		\$21,151 78
Average cost per pupil based on net cost and whole		
enrolment,		\$13 31
Average cost per pupil based on net cost and average		
number belonging,		\$16 69
Cost of evening school,		\$320 30
Average cost per pupil, based on cost and average		
attendance,		\$7 32

The number of children between 5 and 15 years of age is reported as 1529. This number is evidently much too small, for the number enrolled in the public schools is 1477, while there are over 200 in the parochial schools, so that the whole number must be nearly 1700. It will be seen that the net cost of the schools to the town is \$738.23 more than the same item in last year's report, while the total expenditure is only \$55.99 more this year than last. This is accounted for by the fact that an error occurred in the report of last year, by which the net cost was made to appear \$639.80 less than it was. By referring to that report, it will be seen that the net cost was found by deducting from the



total expenditures the sum of three items, viz. : the value of books on hand, the value of books sold, and the difference between the value of books on hand in 1886 and 1887. Of these three items, only two, the value of the books sold and the difference in value should have been deducted. This would leave the net cost for that year \$21,053.35 which is only \$100 less than the same item this year. I have thought this explanation necessary, in order to show why the average cost per pupil is more this year than last.

## OUR SCHOOLS.

Of the many definitions of education, I am impressed with that of Pestalozzi : "Education is the generation of power." The tree is judged by its fruit, and the man is judged by that he does. Our schools must be judged by what they do for the children. This idea is a part of our system of education, and from time to time we endeavor to find out what the pupils can do. We do this by tests which we call oral and written examinations. It is true that in many cases we simply succeed in finding out what they can not do; but to the true teacher, this is very valuable information, and will incite to greater effort.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

It is in the primary grades that we need the wise forethought, the tender care and careful judgment of the experienced teacher. I think that the plan usually followed with beginners is to place them in the primary rooms. This is in many ways a detriment to these schools. We are often urged to employ a teacher because she is deserving, has spent much time and money in obtaining an education, and is in need of the money she would receive. These things are worthy of consideration, but have little weight in comparison with the fact that the people freely vote money for the education of their children and have a right to demand that we employ the best talent which can be had for the money appropriated. The work of the four lower grades is, on the whole, very satisfactory. In Reading, care is being taken to avoid the hesitating manner which is necessitated when the child is permitted to pronounce each word as he recognizes it. He is encouraged to make a silent study of each sentence, before attempting to read it, and in this way learns to read the thoughts expressed in the sentences. In the higher grades of school, and after leaving school, the larger part of our information is acquired

by silent reading; it therefore becomes an important object in reading that the child should learn to quickly and accurately comprehend the thought expressed by the sentence. This should begin with the first sentence taught, and be kept in mind throughout his course of reading.

In Number, the primary grades should furnish a sure foundation on which the teachers in the Grammar schools may rely for rapidity and accuracy in the more advanced work of their grades. Here we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and we should insist on rapidity, as well as accuracy. The most rapid accountant is usually the most accurate. The study of Number, aside from its practicability, may be made one of the most useful studies as a means of disciplining the mind in habits of close and continued attention.

In other branches of study excellent work is being done, and as they have been the subjects of notice in previous reports, I will omit extended mention of them here.

### GRAMMAR GRADES.

In the best graded schools of our state there is a nine years' course before entering the High school. Mr. Prince, agent of the State Board of Education, in his "Courses of Studies and Methods of Teaching," lately published, gives an outline course for nine years. It seems to be a generally accepted fact that there should be nine years from the time a child enters the lowest Primary, until he leaves the highest Grammar grade. Our course was originally divided into eight grades, four in the Primary and four in the Grammar school. With very little work this could be changed, making a nine years' course. I should advise this change, as there is too much work in our Grammar course of four years, and a large per cent of the pupils are five years in doing the work of these grades. In making this change, I think the Primary grades should be left much as they are, and the Grammar course made one of five years. As it now is, rooms 4 and 3 are crowded with pupils, while the average number in the first grade is less than thirty. By making five grades, placing two grades in No. 1, we would be able to equalize the numbers in the four rooms.

### OUR SYSTEM OF PROMOTION.

At the meeting of the superintendents of New England, held in Boston, November 4, the superintendents were asked to in-



clude in their annual reports, a statement of the method in use in their towns, in the promotion of pupils. In accordance with this request I make the following extract from our rules and regulations:—

Section 10. In all Grammar grades and in the highest grade Primary, oral examinations shall be held by the teachers on Thursday of the ninth week of the fall term, and on Thursday of the sixth week of the winter and summer terms, on the work of the preceding half term. The Superintendent shall hold written examinations at the close of each term. These examinations, with the weekly class averages, shall determine a pupil's standing for the term. In making up the total averages, the oral and written examinations shall count one third each and the weekly averages one third, in all grades below the No. 1 Grammar. In the No. 1 Grammar, the written examinations shall count one half, and the oral examinations, together with the weekly averages, one half. Any pupil attaining a general average of seventy per cent for the year, shall be promoted to the next higher grade. Any pupil not attaining the requisite standing, may be accorded a special examination by the Committee, and, if a maximum of seventy-five per cent is reached, may also be promoted.

This regulation has, I think, been followed as closely as possible in making promotions. Last year promotions were made on this basis. When the schools opened in September, it was found that at the South Grammar, in room No. 3, there were several more pupils than there were sittings, while there were only 15 pupils in No. 1. When this was reported to the committee, they decided that the superintendent should promote a sufficient number of pupils from the lower rooms, to make the numbers in the several rooms as nearly equal as possible. This was done by sending some 15 pupils from No. 3 to No. 2, and about the same number from No. 2 to No. 1. This promotion was made by taking those pupils who had the best standing for the year, some going up whose yearly average was only 60 per cent. We anticipated trouble from the admission of the "low stand" pupils, but we have been very agreeably disappointed, as these pupils are doing excellent work in the grades to which they were promoted, and, as a whole, their work compares very favorably with that of those who went in at the regular promotion. The question arises, Would it have been unjust had we kept them in the lower grades for another year? I prefer to leave the question for your consideration. I do not feel that I have been long enough in the work to be a competent critic of this system, but I think that we are sometimes in danger of forgetting that the school is made for the child, and thinking that the child must be made to fit the school.

From an experience of several years in teaching, I am sure that there is no one so well qualified as the teacher, to judge of a pupil's fitness for promotion. I would, therefore, suggest that the recommendation of the teacher be an important factor in determining who should, and who should not, be promoted.

## HEATING AND VENTILATION.

In many of the previous reports mention has been made of the fact that some improvement should be made in the method of heating and ventilating our schoolrooms. This has been impressed upon my mind during my visits to the schools in the severe cold of this winter. Parents have a right to demand that the health of their children shall not be endangered while they are in our care. In a large room, heated with a stove, those near the fire must be too warm, while those farthest from it must be cold. Fifty children in one room need a constant supply of fresh air; our only means of obtaining this supply is by opening the windows or doors. It is true there are ventilators placed in the walls or ceiling, but they are useless so long as there is no supply of fresh air to the room. It is a fact that the only way of getting foul air out is to let pure air in. For our four large buildings some method can be introduced by which to heat and ventilate the rooms, with no additional expense beyond the first cost. That is, the expense of running the furnaces will be no more than that of running stoves. It will cost a little over \$400 to put two furnaces in one of the large buildings. I mention furnaces because they furnish a constant supply of pure warm air. There are other methods of heating which it may be well to investigate.

## WAGES.

All business men recognize the fact that an employee of three or four years' experience is more valuable than a beginner. This principle is as true in teaching as in any other business. I find, by comparing our pay-roll with that of other towns of the size of Milford, that we are paying high prices for inexperienced teachers, and low prices for those who have been several years in the work. We pay a teacher as much for the first year's work as for the fifth or tenth. There is no distinction made while she remains in the lower grades. The result is that Milford is a good place for beginners, but we can offer no inducement to teachers of experience. I think it would be well to adopt a sliding scale of prices,



based on the number of years a teacher has been in the work. We can hire beginners for very low prices, compared with what we are now paying them, and give them an increase for every year's work until they receive the maximum price. In this way, with no increase in the amount expended, we would be able to pay our experienced teachers from ten and one half to eleven dollars per week, which would give them much encouragement in their work.

### REPAIRS.

In the coming year more money will be needed for repairs than has been expended in the past year. New fences have to be built at Bear Hill, Braggville, Fountain street and Silver Hill. The town land at the Claflin should be fenced, and the fence east of the school land at the Plains should be repaired or renewed. The outbuildings in several places are in poor condition, and at the Plains the outhouse should be removed from its present position under the east windows, to the north-east corner of the school yard. Concrete walks are needed at the Park, Plains and Brick schools. There should be a generous appropriation for repairs, for neglect in this direction is the poorest economy.

### EVENING SCHOOL.

In October a petition, signed by twenty young men of Milford, was sent to the Committee, asking that the evening school be opened in the High school building, and stating that much discomfort had been felt at the old quarters in the Claflin building, from the imperfect arrangements for heating and lighting the rooms. In consideration of this petition, the Committee voted to open the evening school in the lower room of the High school building. This room is well warmed by steam, and was lighted by putting in six new gas burners in addition to the four already there. That this move was wise is shown by the fact that the attendance is nearly double that of last year. Miss Nellie M. Conely was appointed to assist Mr. Wood in the work of the school. The school is in fine condition and is doing excellent work.

### DRAWING.

Miss Prince declined a re-election in July, and in September Miss M. B. Smith of the Boston Normal Art school was engaged at \$10 per week. Miss Smith is an enthusiastic teacher and en-

tered upon her work earnestly. A change in books, necessitated by the fact that the publishers of "White's Series in Drawing" exchanged their old series for the new, made it late in the term when we began drawing, but since that time the progress has been steady, and excellent results have been obtained.

### MUSIC.

At present there seems to be quite a demand that music be placed in our course of study. There can be no doubt that it is our duty to develop a talent which is natural to almost every child. The children like to sing. This fact of itself is not sufficient to warrant the additional expense, but the study of music has a refining and elevating effect upon the mind; it relieves the monotony of the schoolroom, and is very useful as a means of discipline in the habits of observation and attention. It seems to be the thing needed to place Milford on equal terms with her sister towns, in matters of education. If the people think best to introduce it, an additional appropriation of \$1200 will be necessary.

### A NEW BUILDING.

For several years the Old Town House building has been considered unsuitable for school purposes. Last fall so much complaint was made, that the Committee considered the advisability of moving the two schools to the two vacant rooms in the Clafin building, but after due consideration this idea was abandoned. That something should be done is obvious. The present building stands in one corner of the territory from which it draws its attendance. It is not in a desirable locality, and is in itself unfit for school purposes. This matter should come up for candid consideration at the March meeting. A building similar to the one on Chapin street would be sufficient for the present. Should the town see fit to build, an appropriation of \$4,000 will be necessary.

### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to say that from the teachers of Milford I have received the most hearty support since assuming the duties of my office. They have willingly heard, and cheerfully

endeavored to carry out the few suggestions I have made, and I fully appreciate the fact that their faithful work has made my duty easy to perform.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

The people of Milford sustained a severe loss in the death on the 23d of October last, of Miss Mary J. Kelly. She was a native of the town, was educated in the High school, spent a year in training, and began her labors at the West street school. From there she was transferred to the Park Grammar school, where she was promoted from room to room until she was placed in charge of the building as principal. She was ever an earnest and faithful teacher. Doubtless her severe labors hastened, if they were not the direct cause of the disease which took her from us. It may be truly said that she gave her life to the cause of education. She attempted to continue her labors at the commencement of the school year, but failing strength would not permit, and she died in a few weeks after resigning her position.

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### CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

#### TEACHERS APPOINTED DURING THE YEAR.

Miss L. F. Hayward,	Braggville,	April.
Miss I. L. Gay,	Park 4,	July.
Miss H. A. Smith,	Braggville,	July.
Miss M. L. Minon,	Purchase Primary,	July.
Miss J. F. McGann,	Bear Hill,	July.
Miss A. M. Plunkett,	Town House 2,	September.
Miss E. M. Waters,	Silver Hill,	"
Miss E. E. Wilson,	North Grammar 4,	"
Miss S. H. Leavens,	High School,	"
Miss Lucy S. Patrick,	High School,	"
Miss M. B. Smith,	Drawing,	"
Miss M. L. Whitney,	Assistant,	October.
Miss B. J. McLoughlin,	"	"
Miss B. F. Powers,	"	"
Miss Cora L. Snell,	"	"
Mr. J. H. Wood,	Evening school,	"
Miss N. M. Conely,	"	December.



## TEACHERS TRANSFERRED.

Miss H. M. Broderick, Park 3, to Park 2, July.  
 Miss S. R. Broderick, Purchase Grammar, to Park 3, July.  
 Miss M. E. Cochran, No. Grammar 4, to No. Grammar 3, July.  
 Miss J. L. Devine, Bear Hill to North Grammar 4, July.  
 Miss E. S. Rogers, South Grammar 3 to Purchase Grammar, July.  
 Miss M. J. Kelly, South Grammar 4 to South Grammar 3, "  
 Miss E. O. Taylor, Purchase Primary to South Grammar 4, "  
 Miss A. A. Conroy, Deer Brook to Hoboken, "  
 Miss L. F. Hayward, Braggville to Deer Brook, "  
 Mrs. K. E. Edwards, North Grammar 1, to Park 1, September.  
 Miss M. F. Devine, No. Grammar 2 to No. Grammar 1, "  
 Miss M. E. Cochran, " 3 to " 2, "  
 Miss J. L. Devine, " 4 to " 3, "

In the resignations of Miss Jones of the High School, Miss Barry of the Town House, Misses Travis and Gannett of the Park, Miss Burns of the North Grammar and Miss Cheney of Silver Hill, we lost excellent teachers. Miss Barry had served in the Milford schools since 1877, and Miss Burns since 1875.

S. F. BLODGETT,  
 Superintendent of Schools.





# APPENDIX.

TABLE I.

Showing the total cost of each school, the average cost per pupil from February 1, 1887, to February 1, 1888, based on the total expenditures and the average number belonging.

SCHOOLS.	Rooms.	Average No. Belonging.	Cost per Pupil.	Total Cost.	
High,		111.7	\$36 85	\$4116 79	Four Classes.
Park Grammar,	4	147.3	17 06	2514 06	Four grades.
North Grammar,	4	196.3	12 93	2539 41	Eight grades.
South Grammar,	4	159.7	14 93	2380 63	Four grades.
No. Purchase Grammar,	1	24.6	22 53	554 42	Four grades.
No. Purchase Primary,	1	31.6	14 83	468 64	Four grades.
Clafin,	4	171.9	12 89	2215 69	Four grades.
Town House,	2	108.5	8 18	888 20	Four grades.
Chapin Street,	2	115.4	9 55	1101 64	Four grades.
West Street,	2	69.	13 47	930 04	Four grades.
Hoboken,	1	32.4	14 50	460 87	Two grades.
Fountain Street,	1	28.8	16 42	473 15	Four grades.
Silver Hill,	1	10.3	37 35	384 80	Ungraded.
Deer Brook,	1	13.	36 20	470 70	Ungraded.
Braggville,	1	18.8	24 15	466 03	Ungraded.
Bear Hill,	1	12.5	37 41	467 68	Ungraded.
City,	1	15.	30 93	463 96	Ungraded.
Evening,		49.7	7 32	320 30	Two classes.

TABLE II. TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS, JANUARY, 1888.

NAMES.	GRADE.	RESIDENCE WHEN ELECTED.	RESIDENCE.	YEAR ELECTED.	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
H. W. Lull,	High,	Manchester, N. H.,	Claffin St.	1880	\$ 1700	Harvard College.
Miss M. A. Parkhurst,	"	Milford,	Court Square.	1879	550	Milford High School and Boston Normal.
Miss S. H. Leavens,	"	Norwich, Conn.,	School St.	1887	500	Smith College.
Miss Lucy Patrick,	Grammar,	Hopedale,	Hopedale.	1887	400	Framingham Normal School.
Mrs. K. E. Edwards,	"	Milford,	Summer St.	1873	600	Milford High School and Training.
Miss H. M. Broderick,	"	"	15 Pine St.	1879	378	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss S. R. Broderick,	"	"	15 Pine St.	1878	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss I. L. Gay,	"	"	Summer St.	1887	342	Milford High School and Training.
Miss C. V. Sadler,	"	"	25 Pine St.	1873	600	Milford High School.
Miss M. F. Aylward,	"	"	285 Main St.	1876	378	Milford High School.
Miss M. J. Kelly,	"	"	High St.	1877	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. O. Taylor,	"	"	Otis St.	1883	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss M. F. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1875	600	Milford High School.
Miss M. E. Cochran,	"	"	East Main St.	1876	378	Milford High School.
Miss J. L. Devine,	Primary,	"	9 Beach St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. E. Wilson,	"	Fall River,	Franklin St.	1887	342	Fall River High School and Training.
Miss A. B. Chapin,	"	Milford,	Franklin St.	1863	468	Milford High School.
Miss L. Smith,	"	"	Pearl St.	1882	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss K. McNamara,	"	"	174 Main St.	1879	342	Milford High School.
Miss K. Chapin,	"	"	Central St.	1869	342	Milford High School.
Mrs. A. L. Bell,	"	"	Highland Square.	1887	342	Salem Normal.
Miss A. M. Plunkett,	"	Medford,	Summer St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss S. E. Sheldon,	"	Milford,	Franklin St.	1871	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. A. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1881	342	Milford High School.
Miss L. Madden,	"	"	West St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss M. T. Kirby,	"	"	Pond St.	1883	342	Milford High School.
Miss S. E. Inman,	"	"	Taylor St.	1868	342	Milford High School.
Miss A. A. Conroy,	"	"	East St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. S. Rogers,	Grammar,	Holliston,	North Purchase.	1884	396	Salem Normal.
Miss M. L. Mmon,	Primary,	Milford,	High St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. M. Waters,	Ungraded.	"	Carroll St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss L. F. Hayward,	"	"	Grant St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss H. A. Smith,	"	"	Reade St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss J. F. McGann,	"	"	Hayward St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss N. F. Gorman,	"	"	Main St.	1885	342	Milford High School.
Miss C. L. Snell,	Assistant,	"	Summer St.	1887	\$4 per week	Milford High School.
Miss B. J. McLaughlin,	"	"	Main St.	1887	4	Milford High School.
Miss B. F. Powers,	"	"	Main St.	1887	4	St. Mary's School.
Miss M. E. Whitney,	"	"	Grant St.	1887	4	St. Mary's School.
Miss M. B. Smith,	"	"	School St.	1887	10	Boston Normal Art School.
Mr. J. H. Wood,	Drawing,	Melrose,	Main St.	1887	4 per night	Dean Academy, Franklin.
Miss N. M. Conely,	Evening,	Milford,	Water St.	1887	1	Milford High School.



TABLE III. ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS FROM JAN. 1, 1887, TO JAN. 1, 1888.

SCHOOLS.	Grade.	Total Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of attendance to No. belonging.	No. Half Days Absence.	Number Cases Tardiness.	Number Cases Dismissal.	Number Cases Corporal Punishment.	Number Cases Truancy.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Others.	TEACHERS.
HIGH.		171	111.7	109.8	98	784	85	80			27	1	70	{ H. W. Lull. M. A. Parkhurst. S. H. Leavens. Lucy Patrick.
NORTH GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.	I & II	35	25.5	23.8	93.5	612	164	24	7	5	26	1	12	Miss M. F. Devine.
	III & IV	64	46.7	42	96	1176	189	90	20	6	18	2	20	Miss M. E. Cochran.
	V & VI	62	44.8	39.6	8.3	1644	182	59	9	6	24	1	4	Miss J. L. Devine.
	VII & VIII	97	79.3	68.8	86.7	3400	277	13	35		18	1	6	Miss E. E. Wilson.
SOUTH GRAMMAR.	I	36	34	32.8	96.5	378	61	*11		1	19		32	Miss C. V. Sadler.
	II	41	32.7	30.2	92.4	791	69	85			24	2	20	Miss M. F. Aylward.
	III	56	43	39.5	90	1189	121	113	5	2	23		27	Miss M. J. Kelly.
	IV	55	50	47	94	1310	221	129	3	3	19		23	Miss E. O. Taylor.
PARK GRAMMAR.	I	32	27.7	27	97.7	327	48	23	3		22		19	Mrs. K. E. Edwards.
	II	50	31.7	30	94.6	746	80	30	10	1	19	1	31	Miss H. M. Broderick.
	III	52	40	38	95	1100	66	48	6	6	18	2	11	Miss S. R. Broderick.
	IV	65	47.9	44.4	91	1275	123	87	12	7	22	1	35	Miss I. L. Gay.
CLAFLIN.	V	43	40	38	95	642	59	30		4	16		42	Miss A. B. Chapin.
	VI	49	42.8	38.8	92	1327	126	47			24	2	18	Miss L. Smith.
	VII	37	35.9	32.8	91.4	1171	65	24	1	2	24		30	Miss K. McNamara.
	VIII	67	53.7	47.3	89	2705	95	1		1	25	1	33	Miss K. Chapin.
NO. PURCHASE GRAM'R. NORTH PURCHASE PRIMARY.	I TO IV	33	24.6	23	93.4	396	35	39	1		9		16	Miss E. S. Rogers.
	V TO VIII	38	31.6	29	91	863	97	12	5		11	1	10	Miss M. L. Minon.
TOWN HOUSE.	V, VI	62	50.7	47.4	95.1	830	155	47	2		25		90	Mrs. A. L. Bell.
	VII & VIII	67	57.8	53.3	92.2	2335	75	19	2	1	26	1	210	Miss A. M. Plunkett.

CHAPIN STREET.	V, VI VII & VIII	48 89	42.8 72.6	40 64.6	93.6 88.5	993 2906	92 74	138 47	2 7	5	20 24	22 58	Miss S. E. Sheldon. Miss E. A. Devine.
WEST STREET.	V, VI VII & VIII	31 43	29 40	28.1 39.1	90.7 91.1	809 1268	55 47	16 6	7 6	3 2	15 13	36 46	Miss L. Madden. Miss M. T. Kirby.
FOUNTAIN STREET. HOBOKEN. SILVER HILL. DEER BROOK. BRAGGVILLE. BEAR HILL. CITY. EVENING.	V to VIII VII & VIII	43 40 14 13 23 15 18 55	28.8 32.4 10.3 13 18.8 12.5 15	26.7 29.2 9.2 11.8 17.4 11 13 49.7	92.7 90 87 90.5 92.6 88.7 87.3	762 1037 284 470 777 513 670	48 50 73 4 211 9 87	27 14 12 11 36 10 16	3 1 6 1 6	10 17 8 7 10 9 10	27 25 13 12 10 6 8	Miss S. E. Inman. Miss A. A. Conroy. Miss E. M. Waters. Miss L. F. Hayward. Miss H. A. Smith. Miss J. F. McGarrn. Miss N. F. Gorman. Mr. J. H. Wood.	

TABLE IV.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

OF THE

MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL,

1887.

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Overture—Piano Solo,	Lydia A. Roberts, '88
Chorus by the School—The Fisherman's Children.	
Historian for First Year,	Grace W. Eastman
The Enchanted Land of Books,	Lilian F. Hill
Declamation—"Home, Sweet Home,"	*Grace J. Claflin
Maps and What They Teach,†	Francis J. Moriarty
Chorus by the School, { <i>a.</i> Across the Ocean.	
{ <i>b.</i> Never Resting.	
Historian for Second Year,	Mary A. Howe
The Mechanical Powers,	{ Fred J. Aylward
	{ William W. Phipps
Popular Crazes,	Mary E. Whitney
Chorus by the School—National Hymn.	
Historian for Third Year,	Elizabeth F. Donnelly
"A Fine Old English Gentleman,"	Emily L. Eldridge
Silicon Versus Calcium,	{ Edward F. Rogers
	{ Walter Parkhurst
Chorus by the School—The Miller's Song.	
Historian for Fourth Year,	Amelia C. Harris
Three Typical Greeks,	Elizabeth B. Barns
The Rose Family,	Sarah M. Gorman
Prophetess,	Lydia F. Gould
What is Your Ambition?	Emeline Hancock
Presentation of Diplomas,	Chairman G. G. Parker
Chorus by the School—Class Ode by Lydia F. Gould.	

Piano accompaniments by Lydia A. Roberts, '88.

\*Violin accompaniment by Florence E. Hale, '88.

†Excused.

# GRADUATES OF 1887.

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## FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

Elizabeth Frances Donnelly,	Grace Wilder Eastman,
Sarah Maria Gorman,	Lilian Frances Hill,
Edward Francis Rogers,	Mary Elizabeth Whitney.

CLASSICAL.

Elizabeth Bowden Barns,	
Emily Louise Eldridge,	Lydia Frances Gould,
Emeline Hancock.	

## PARTIAL DIPLOMAS.

ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

(Given for an incomplete course.)

Fred Joseph Aylward,	Amelia Claflin Harris,
Mary Adelaide Howe,	Francis Joseph Moriarty,
William Walker Phipps,	Walter Parkhurst.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

Grace Jennie Claflin.



TABLE V.

STATISTICS OF THE LAST SIX GRADUATING  
CLASSES.

	'82.	'83.	'84.	'85.	'86.	'87.
Tallest,	6 ft.	5 ft. 10½ in. ....	6 ft.	6 ft.	5 ft. 10 in.	
Shortest,	5 ft.	5 ft. 1½ in. ....	3 ft. 8 in.	5 ft. 1½ in.	4 ft. 9 in.	
Average,	5 ft. 5 in.	5 ft. 5½ in. ....	5 ft. 4 in.	5 ft. 5 in.	5 ft. 4 in.	
Heaviest,	150 lbs.	158 lbs. ....	142 lbs.	190 lbs.	139 lbs.	
Lightest,	90 lbs.	97 lbs. ....	47 lbs.	96 lbs.	86 lbs.	
Average,	117½ lbs.	121 lbs. ....	110½ lbs.	125 lbs.	115 lbs.	
Oldest,	20 y. 5 m.	20 y. 6 m.	19 y. 7 m.	19 y. 5 m.	20 y. 2 m.	20 y. 10 m.
Youngest,	16 y. 7 m.	15 y. 6 m.	15 y. 9 m.	15 y. 10 m.	16 y. 2 m.	15 y. 19 m.
Average,	18 y. 7 m.	17 y. 5 m.	18 y. 3 m.	17 y. 5 m.	17 y. 8. m.	17 y. 2 m.
Admitted,	71	57	55	71	78	62
Graduates, 2 yrs.,	6	5	7	12	11	13
Graduates, 4 yrs.,	28	28	30	27	33	17

## TABLE VI.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR 1888.

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WINTER TERM.	Commences :	{ High School, Jan. 3. Other Schools, Jan. 9.
	Closes :	{ High School, Mar. 23. Other Schools, Mar. 16.
	Vacation :	{ High School, one week. Other Schools, two weeks.
SPRING TERM.	Commences :	All Schools, April 2.
	Closes :	{ High School, June 22. Other Schools, June 8.
	Vacation :	{ High School, ten weeks. Other Schools, twelve weeks.
FALL TERM.	Commences :	All Schools, Tuesday, Sept. 4.
	Closes :	All Schools, Dec. 21.

## SCHOOL SESSIONS.

HIGH SCHOOL.—April to November, 8 A. M. to 1 P. M. November to April, 8:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1:30 to 4 P. M.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1:30 to 3:30 P. M.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

# TOWN OF MILFORD,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Park Commissioners, Trustees of the Town Library, and Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery.

For the Year Ending February 18, 1889.

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MILFORD, MASS.:

G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.

1889.



## APPROPRIATIONS.

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Highways, including new crusher,	\$10,500
Incidentals,	5,000
Gas and electric lights,	3,800
Town Library,	600
Schools,	21,000
Poor Department, including new bedsteads,	9,500
Interest,	4,500
Water for fire purposes,	3,300
Vernon Grove cemetery,	100
Military Aid,	600
Fire Department,	5,000
Memorial Day,	100
Town Park,	100
Sidewalks,	2,000
Town debt,	4,000
Building new streets,	900
Extension sewer, Lincoln street to railroad,	100
Repairs on Town House,	500
Extension Central street sewer,	2,000
Total,	<hr/> \$73,600

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1886.

DR.

Amount uncollected, as appears by Collector's book,	\$842 06	
Re-assessed,	75	
	\$842 81	

CR.

Paid L. Hayden,	\$421 11	
Abatements,	18 38	
Uncollected,	403 32	
	\$842 81	

1887.

DR.

Amount uncollected as per Collector's book,	\$5,836 10	
Interest,	156 61	
Re-assessed,	75	
	\$5,993 46	

CR.

Paid L. Hayden,	\$3,635 02	
Abatements,	328 16	
Uncollected,	2,030 28	
	\$5,993 46	

1888.

DR.

Total amount taxes committed,	\$85,308 91	
Interest,	41 09	
	\$85,350 00	

CR.

Paid L. Hayden, Treasurer,	\$71,613 55	
“ E. A. Brown, county Treasurer,	4,131 00	
Discount (on collections to Sept. 15, '89),	2,063 20	
Abatements,	351 63	
Uncollected,	7,190 62	
	\$85,350 00	

M. J. REYNOLDS, Collector.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL  
LOTS, AND WHICH THE TOWN OWES.

	One year's interest on the several Burial Lots.	Amount expended on each lot during the year as follows:	Balance of interest due on each lot for the year 1888.
Mrs. Theron Holbrook, \$100	Holbrook, \$6	Henry Hancock, \$2 00	Holbrook, \$17 17
Mrs. Obadiah Albee, 100	Albee, 6	" 2 00	Albee, 18 17
Wm. B. Dyer, 150	Dyer, 9	" 5 00	Dyer, 20 50
Henry S. Dean, 100	Dean, 6	" 6 00	Dean, 4 17
Abigail H. Adams, 100	Adams, 6	J. E. Macuen, 4 00	Adams, 7 17
Mary E. Buck, 50	Buck, 3	Henry Hancock, 2 00	Hancock, 5 17
<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$36</u>	<u>\$21 00</u>	<u>\$72 35</u>

# REPORT OF Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1889.

## DR.

Feb. 6, 1888,	To cash on hand,	\$121 18
May 7, “	Cash of John M. Wood, for	
	Mrs. Olive M. Adams, Lot No. 309,	12 00
	Geo. W. Peasly, Lot No 769,	15 00
	Oscar F. Pickering, Lot No. 501,	8 00
	Mrs. Isaac E. Welch, Lot No. 499,	8 00
	Austin Howard, Lot No. 52,	14 00
	Augusta Joy, Lot No. 770,	15 00
	Niles H. Arnold, Lot No. 740	15 00
May 19, “	William S. Marden, Lot No. 51,	14 00
	Child's single grave,	3 00
Sept. 7, “	Cash of Lewis Hayden, Treasurer,	100 00
Feb. 8, 1889,	“ John M. Wood, for	
	Child's single grave,	1 00
	Nathan Durfee, Lot No. 297,	10 00
	Nicolas Williams, Lot No. 711,	15 00
	Mrs. James Temple, Lot No. 772,	15 00
	Henry Hancock, care of lots,	17 00
		\$383 18

## CR.

By cash paid Henry Hancock, labor,	\$263 50
“        H. C. Skinner,        “	10 00
“        Clark Ellis & Sons, merchandise,	10 04
By cash on hand,	99 64
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	\$383 18

There have been 40 interments in Vernon Grove Cemetery during the past year.

The terms of the Committee expire as follows: H. C. Skinner and John M. Wood in 1889; George L. Maynard and Henry Hancock in 1890; Leonard Fairbanks and Isaac N. Crosby in 1891.

HENRY C. SKINNER,  
Secretary.



## Trustees of the Town Library.

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VALENTINE N. RYAN, JAMES A. GILMORE, Term expires 1889  
CHARLES A. DEWEY, JOHN P. NEALON, Term expires 1890  
NATHANIEL F. BLAKE, OWEN F. CROUGHWELL, Term expires 1891

CHARLES A. DEWEY, Chairman,  
OWEN F. CROUGHWELL, Secretary,  
NATHANIEL F. BLAKE, Treasurer.

JAMES A. GILMORE, Librarian.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees it was voted to recommend an appropriation by the town of \$600 for the benefit of the Library for the year ensuing. That is the same amount which was appropriated last year, and the Trustees are unanimously of the opinion that an equal appropriation is requisite, if they are to purchase new books as usual, and keep our people supplied with the literature of the day. It is now eight years since the excellent catalogue of the library was issued, and a supplementary catalogue is greatly needed at the present time; in fact, it is quite indispensable. A large number of volumes have been added to our stores, which have all the charm of being new, and would doubtless be more largely called for if the public were aware that the books were on our shelves. Such a supplementary catalogue is now being prepared by Mr. N. F. Blake, and it is hoped that it may be ready for publication some time in the spring.

During the last year many old books have been rebound or replaced, and a goodly number of new books have been purchased. In making such purchases the Trustees have aimed to buy standard books of real merit and permanent value, rather than buy all the latest works which were thrown on the market.

Our Town Library would be of much more service to the community than it now is, if its patrons would only read the better class of books, at least the best works of the class which they prefer. If they do not care to store their minds with useful knowledge, if they must read works of fiction, why will they not learn to like such writers as Walter Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, or Hawthorne, rather than the light but popular authors whose day must surely soon be past. And it would be better still for the youth of our town, if they would learn to love history, biography, books of travel, or of science. And yet we doubt not that Mil-

ford is much like other towns in this respect, and the great majority confine themselves to the reading of works of fiction. A taste for the better kind of reading may be acquired by cultivation, but a constant and protracted indulgence in light fiction unfits one, and gives one a distaste for more substantial and more salutary diet. The Trustees feel bound to provide for the wants of the more limited class of readers, and desire to thus encourage that class and increase their numbers. We have a large library and we would gladly see our fellow-citizens avail themselves more largely of the excellent opportunity here presented for gratifying a refined and laudable taste.

CHARLES A. DEWEY, Chairman.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

N. F. Blake, Treasurer,

In account with Milford Town Library.

### DR.

Balance from last year's report,	\$172 80
Town appropriation,	6 0 00
One half dog tax,	383 01
Fines and catalogues,	40 32
Old books,	1 05
J. A. Gilmore, 2 books,	4 34
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	\$1,201 52

### CR.

J. A. Gilmore, librarian,	\$291 67
“ “ covering books,	12 72
N. F. Blake, supplementary catalogue,	25 00
Express,	7 90
Supplies,	28 07
Repairs,	21 35
Binding books,	92 90
Furniture,	14 00
Books,	521 24
Balance on hand,	186 67
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	\$1,201 52

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. BLAKE, Treasurer.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN : The annual report for the year ending Feb. 8, 1889, is as follows :—

The distribution of books began Feb. 13, 1888, and ended Jan. 31, 1889, with a circulation of 20,338 volumes. The largest daily circulation was 258 volumes, and the smallest 2 volumes. Supplementing the general circulation on cards, 600 volumes, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been loaned without cards to school teachers and others, whose names are recorded in a special book. The Library contains, according to the record from which the catalogue is copied, 7,738 volumes, duplicates not included ; 289 books were added in the course of the present library year, and have been classified as follows ; History, 25 ; Biography, 34 ; Politics, Law and Oratory, 1 ; Travels, 21 ; Science, 14 ; Fiction, 44 ; Miscellaneous, 40 ; Religion, 52 ; Poetry, 10 ; Juvenile, 17 ; Public Documents, 31. The new books, setting aside Public Documents, have been obtained by purchase, with the following exceptions, viz : 38 volumes of Theology, donated by the Unitarian association of Boston ; an historical work presented by Hon. H. B. Staples of Worcester ; and two books of his own composition donated by Rev. S. A. Gardner of Milford.

During the library year now ending a larger proportion of books of a solid and instructive character have been taken out, that is, when compared with the preceding year, but there is still much room for improvement in this direction. The annexed summary is submitted for your inspection.

Respectfully,

JAMES A. GILMORE, Librarian.

## SUMMARY.

	MONTHS.												Days open.	Average.	Catalogues and Fines.
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	A'mt.			
February, 1888	17	28	6	32	13	367	49	6	6	285	..	809	14	57 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$1 02
March,	65	68	2	116	38	862	114	9	27	670	1	1972	27	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 80
April,	73	70	1	78	54	788	117	14	35	524	..	1754	24	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 18
May,	59	46	3	47	38	848	78	14	18	450	1	1602	26	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 77
June,	41	29	4	38	30	966	57	6	28	485	..	1684	26	64 $\frac{2}{3}$	3 87
July,	37	26	3	40	28	926	57	8	11	483	2	1621	25	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 18
August,	21	41	4	45	30	940	69	6	22	443	1	1622	27	60 $\frac{2}{7}$	3 74
September,	43	35	1	35	28	936	72	10	18	359	..	1537	24	64 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 23
October,	64	24	4	64	41	812	66	12	17	477	..	1581	27	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 40
November,	63	37	3	74	35	851	65	13	15	516	..	1672	25	66 $\frac{2}{3}$	4 87
December,	65	60	..	83	56	1031	86	12	21	737	..	2151	25	86 $\frac{1}{5}$	3 66
January, 1889	58	47	3	60	38	1092	85	20	21	909	..	2333	26	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 75
Totals,	606	511	34	712	429	10419	915	130	239	6338	5	20338	296	68 $\frac{2}{3}$	\$41 47



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The Board of Health have to report that, during the year past, many nuisances have been reported or observed and the offending parties notified to abate them, which in most cases was willingly done. For one of the greatest, (if not the greatest,) nuisances the town itself is responsible,—and this is the uncovered and only partially drained outlet of the Main street sewer in rear of Pond street. Again, the surface water from Central street and all the adjacent higher lands near the depots is allowed to flow over and through the lands of the abutters instead of being properly drained away, and is a cause of quarreling and bad feeling between citizens, and much railing against town officials.

At the factory of Greene Bros. near the B. & A. depot, it has frequently been complained to the Board, that immense swarms of minute flies were generated in the heaps of old leather refuse left in the sun, and that the flies were a grievous nuisance to residents in that vicinity. The Messrs. Greene last year agreed that this detritus should be frequently removed, but this year the accumulation again occurred. Official notification to abate the nuisance was served on the firm, but these orders were entirely ignored. The Board then voted to bring suit for the abatement of the nuisance, but were advised by town counsel that, as the flies were not a proven cause of disease, the remedy for the nuisance, (which it undoubtedly is,) was by an injunction obtained by the parties aggrieved.

The cases of contagious and infectious diseases in town this year were few comparatively, and generally mild. Malarial troubles were numerous, particularly in the lower parts of the town. There have been no cases of epidemic or contagious diseases of animals noticed during the year, though a case supposed to be "hog cholera" was reported; but the disease, on examination, appeared to be simply a result of improper food and rough experience of the animals in transit from a neighboring town to a new home here.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MACKIN,  
M. P. BURNS,  
J. M. EATON,

Board of Health.

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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## EXPENSE AT THE FARM.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$600 00
Grain,	620 17
Meat,	335 91
Flour,	318 24
Hired help,	289 65
Butter,	283 70
Oxen, two pairs,	265 00
Dry goods,	217 23
Salt fish,	169 39
Coal,	141 46
Boots and shoes,	140 95
Fresh fish,	118 11
Hardware and farming tools,	115 61
Sugar,	94 81
Clothing,	89 35
Tea,	80 31
Blacksmithing and repairs, and new cart,	89 29
Tobacco,	77 73
Medicine,	70 84
Phosphate and plaster,	61 21
Lead pipe for water supply from new spring,	70 07
Potatoes for seed and table use,	53 75
Medical attendance,	50 00
Small groceries and spices,	47 71
Baker's bread and crackers,	43 86
Small bills paid during the year by G. D. Rhodes,	38 86
Burials,	37 00
Lumber,	36 36
Shoeing horse and oxen,	31 00
Oil,	26 42
Furniture and crockery,	26 85
Hard soap,	23 71
Bull,	20 00
Soft soap,	19 25
Molasses,	17 68
Cabbage plants and currant bushes,	16 50
Shoats,	16 00
Sawing and grinding at Fisk's mills,	16 21

Beans,	\$ 11 59	
Two large wash boilers,	12 25	
Team work,	12 00	
Six R. R. wheelbarrows,	9 90	
Pasturing heifers,	12 00	
Salt,	9 87	
Cheese,	9 21	
Lard,	9 10	
Painter's supplies,	8 90	
Snuff,	7 60	
Repairing shoes,	7 25	
Horse hoe,	7 00	
Cider making,	6 12	
Dress cutting,	5 75	
Local papers,	5 50	
Freight on oxen to Brighton,	4 95	
Stationery,	4 53	
Repairs on clocks and spectacles,	4 00	
Goods at auction,	4 10	
Lemons,	4 08	
Repairs on harness,	3 96	
Ladders,	3 85	
Brooms,	3 63	
Extracting teeth,	3 50	
Cider barrels,	3 25	
Coffee,	3 20	
Cross-cut saw,	3 00	
Tubs and baskets,	2 98	
Lanterns,	2 70	
Raisins,	2 06	
Jugs,	1 60	
Lamp chimneys,	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$4,961 17

### INCOME AT THE FARM.

Milk,	\$1,006 54
Oxen for beef,	167 32
Pigs,	147 50
Apples,	126 86
Pension,	35 00
Hay,	33 70
Service of bull,	14 50
Onions,	13 55
Cabbage,	12 90
Peas,	10 45
Hides and tallow,	8 75
Calves,	8 75

Board of Peter Moore's children,	\$6 00
Veal calf,	5 60
Thomas Finn's board,	4 00
Service of boar,	3 00
Plowing away from farm,	2 00
Melons,	1 50
Green corn,	80
Empty barrels,	1 00
	<hr/> \$1,609 72

## INMATES AT THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. Electa Kimball,	19 weeks	Mary Flagg,	52 weeks
Edward Despeau,	9 "	John Wallace,	52 "
Charles C. Austin,	22 "	Edward McCullum,	52 "
Michael Cay,	52 "	Linda Sireack,	14 "
James Boland,	52 "	Catherine Wallace,	48 "
Mrs. Mary O'Connell,	52 "	Michael Connors,	45 "
James A. Hern,	52 "	Thomas Hughes,	42 "
Bridget Kaine,	52 "	Patrick Conway,	42 "
John Masterson,	20 "	Peter McGovern,	7 "
Arthur O'Keefe,	52 "	Bridget McGovern,	41 "
Daniel McCarty,	52 "	James Murray,	41 "
Miss Lydia A. Park-		Rubie A. Sireack,	3 "
hurst,	52 "	Bridget Shea,	9 "
Prudence S. Burrill,	52 "	Jonathan Onion,	36 "
John Flynn,	46 "	John Cook,	36 "
Elizabeth Gabbrie,	52 "	Johanna O'Hare,	35 "
Frank Sergerson,	52 "	Wm. J. Blanchard,	35 "
Mary Sergerson,	52 "	Joseph Dyer,	3 "
Edward Gabbrie,	11 "	Wm. H. Gabbrie,	35 "
Patrick Cunniff,	52 "	Wm. Mulcahey,	34 "
Ellen Middleton,	52 "	John Batchelder,	9 "
Mary E. Middleton,	52 "	Catherine Ahern,	30 "
Geo. Middleton,	52 "	Matilda J. Lovelette,	30 "
James McCormick,	52 "	Sarah Blanchard,	30 "
Dennis Pyne,	52 "	Bridget Sweeney,	29 "
Charles H. Dunham,	19 "	Theressa Moore,	1 "
John Ward,	38 "	James P. Moore,	1 "
Orra W. Cheney,	11 "	Frank Moore,	1 "
Johanna McCarty,	52 "	Julius L. Johnson,	2 "
Joseph Caine,	52 "	Mary A. Johnson,	23 "
Frederick Caine,	52 "	Ernest R. Johnson,	23 "
Fred H. Tillston,	52 "	Gerturde Q. Johnson,	23 "
Delia Delaney,	42 "	Josephine Lovelette,	23 "
Rosella Delaney,	42 "	Michael Smith,	10 "
Geo. C. Warren,	38 "	Margaret Cronan,	4 "
Nora O'Connor,	47 "	John Daley,	9 "
Maria H. O'Connor,	41 "	Thomas Finn,	2 "



William O'Connor,	41 weeks	Nellie Gannon,	2 weeks
Michael McCarty,	38 "	John Welch,	2 "
Bridget Hennessey,	6 "	Michael F. Caine,	1 "
Charles White,	52 "	Daniel Griffin,	2 days

Net expense at the farm,	\$3,351 44	
Appraisal of town farm, \$4600, interest,	270 00	
" personal property, \$3,383 70 int.,	203 02	
	<hr/>	\$3,824 46

Whole number of persons admitted during the year,	82
Average number,	50 $\frac{7}{2}$
Average weekly cost of each person,	\$1 49

There have been nine deaths at the farm during the year, as follows:—

March 15, 1888,	Bridget Hennessey, rheumatism,	Age 77
April 5,	Edward Despeaux, pneumonia,	" 72
" 22,	Edward Gabbrie, consumption,	" 3
June 10,	Electa Kimball, dropsy,	" 88
" 13,	Peter McGovern, consumption,	" 70
July 4,	Charles C. Austin, suicide,	" 66
Sept. 5,	Julius L. Johnson, dropsy,	" 69
Nov. 7,	Michael Smith, consumption,	" 75
Dec. 30,	John Daley, consumption,	" 35

#### PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD AWAY FROM THE FARM.

James Boland,	\$ 35 46	Michael Hageney,	\$118 24
Mrs. Thomas Barry,	72 43	Lucretia Hayward,	59 52
William J. Blanchard,	90 07	Thomas Hughes,	9 40
Patrick Butler,	105 88	Mrs. Thomas Hanigan,	138 20
Mrs. William Brenn,	54 00	" Bernard King,	108 00
Frank Baxter,	21 75	" Thomas Lyons,	63 40
Mrs. Patrick Burns,	14 10	" Charles Murphy,	83 65
" Jane Burns,	1 75	" Edward Murphy,	69 50
" Charles Cooper,	172 30	" William Murphy,	118 90
John Collins,	49 25	" Patrick Manion,	120 12
Jas. Comee children,	120 00	John F. Moore,	6 50
Mrs. Peter Collins,	71 65	Patrick McGrath,	31 25
George Cisco,	7 25	Peter McGovern,	111 64
Mrs. Timothy Casey,	120 73	Edward McKenna,	100 84
" Winnifred Casey,	61 66	Patrick McQuaid,	96 53
" Mary Coy,	93 01	Catherine McDermott,	47 25
" Mary Cronan,	66 83	Mrs. John Nugent,	46 45
" Patrick Cloonan,	142 50	" Patrick Nugent,	119 28
Nancy McCool,	174 00	Owen O'Hare,	42 15
Benjamin Cottrell,	9 00	James O'Regan,	118 75
John W. Carr,	8 57	Martin O'Mealy,	28 50
Margaret Cronan,	27 00	Mrs. Mary Quinlan,	86 46
Mrs. William Dacey,	106 50	" Michael Quirk,	45 78

John Delman,	\$ 31 00	Mrs. Dennis Ryan,	\$ 73 05
Mrs. David Doyle,	117 63	“ Bridget Sweeney,	29 00
“ Mary Donahue	10 00	Michael Smith,	76 68
John Daley,	20 00	Hugh Smith,	41 31
Mrs. William Fahey,	95 87	William Smith,	15 00
John Fay,	25 10	Mary Serguson,	1 50
John Flynn,	7 27	Mrs. Michael Toolan,	45 04
William Fitzgerald,	67 90	“ Laura Tucker,	40 75
Frank Foster,	15 42	Margaret Welch,	16 00
Thomas Finn,	26 50	Mrs. William Tracy,	38 00
Ellen A. Guild,	88 50	Joseph Timmins,	3 30
Mrs. Andrew Gilroy,	183 26	Medical attendance for	
John J. Grant,	98 55	the above,	100 00
Mrs. Howard Holland,	162 98		
Patrick Hannigan,	20 25		<hr/>
			\$4,845 86

PERSONS BELONGING TO MILFORD AIDED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. James Ahern, Natick,	\$ 59 90
Patrick Boyle, Boston,	144 02
Alvin Collins, Medway,	82 00
Mrs. Andrew Doyle, Southboro,	5 50
Thomas F. Davoren, Springfield,	11 86
Mary Fitzgerald, Boston,	140 05
Mrs. Annie Fay, Lynn,	107 85
Thomas Fahey, Boston city hospital,	32 00
Patrick Gilbride, Worcester,	17 30
Robert H. Harden, Boston city hospital,	12 00
Elizabeth Kenney, Boston,	11 93
Mary McDonald, Hopkinton,	35 75
Mahan children, Boston,	74 00
James Murphy, Marlboro,	153 00
William Minton, Oakham,	71 00
Lawrence O'Hare, Salem,	13 00
Julius L. Johnson, Bellingham,	62 50
Joseph Regan, Boston city hospital,	17 00
Edward Sireack, Holliston,	13 50
Lizzie Stewart, Boston,	20 00
Mrs. James Small, Medway,	40 50
Edgar P. Smith, Hanover,	18 00
Johanna Slattery, Hopkinton,	118 00
Mrs. Daniel Shea, Hopkinton,	24 00
Mrs. John Wallace, Carney hospital, Boston,	153 24
Mary White, Franklin,	106 00
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	\$1,543 90

PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS AIDED IN MILFORD.

John Clancy, Upton,	\$302 93
Richard Carey, Boston,	10 00

Mrs. Maria A. Claire, Brookline,	\$ 35 50
Catherine Cain, Hopedale,	20 75
Patrick Gleason, Medway,	24 50
Mrs. Cara M. Gould, Mendon,	8 00
William Galvin, Holliston,	6 00
Mrs. Charles E. Green, Medway,	17 75
James Healy, Natick,	6 00
Patrick Jones, Boston,	4 77
Jacob Jackson, Franklin,	20 50
Mrs. Timothy Murphy, Natick,	105 38
Peter E. Moore, Mendon,	10 00
Sarah A. Murray, Boston,	39 65
Hannah O'Connor, Hopkinton,	1 75
Frank W. Reed, Quincy,	78 00
Charles H. Snowling, Northbridge,	151 60
Hannah K. Thompson, Uxbridge,	10 88
Lucy A. Tibbetts, Abington,	130 00
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	\$983 96

## INSANE.

Margaret Bradley,	\$169 92	William Mulcahey,	\$ 74 54
Henry Cain,	169 92	Mary McGurran,	125 13
Caroline Coughlin,	96 00	John Nugent,	113 00
Mary Connell,	169 92	Abbot L. Perry,	169 92
John Cook,	85 54	Maria Ripley,	170 58
Mary Cleveland,	127 67	James Sullivan,	169 92
Hannah H. Davis,	169 92		<hr/>
Charles H. Dunham,	102 24		\$1,914 22

## STATE PAUPERS.

Crohen Connell,	\$12 00	Michael Murphy,	\$ 9 50
Napoleon Doucett,	5 00	Daniel McNeil,	5 00
William Harty,	91 96	Lucian Shepard,	5 20
John Gillis,	84 58	Thomas F. Hynes,	11 00
Sarah McGrath,	9 00		<hr/>
Patrick McGuire,	15 25		\$248 49
Care of 842 tramps,			18 95

## INCIDENTALS.

Printing orders, notices, etc.,	\$9 75
Books and stationery,	6 59
Postage stamps and cards,	4 05
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	\$20 39
Iron bedsteads for farm,	\$287 88
Cash in hands of Overseers,	\$17 47

## RECEIPTS.

Lewis Hayden, treasurer,	\$12,239 51	
Income at the farm,	1,609 72	
Upton,	282 88	
Northbridge,	144 95	
Abington,	130 00	
Natick,	110 38	
Boston,	59 42	
Quincy,	78 00	
Military Aid,	67 00	
Medway,	41 75	
Mendon,	18 00	
William Stewart, money paid back for aid 1887,	17 50	
Franklin,	13 50	
Holliston,	6 00	
Uxbridge,	5 38	
Hopkinton,	1 75	
Geo. F. Birch, balance of Electa Kimball est.,	1 70	
Cash on hand from 1887,	14 85	
	—————	\$14,842 29

## RECAPITULATION.

Expense at the farm,	\$4,961 17	
Persons aided outside the farm,	4,845 86	
Persons aided in other towns,	1,543 90	
Persons aided belonging to other towns,	983 96	
Insane,	1,914 22	
State poor,	248 49	
Tramps,	18 95	
Incidentals,	20 39	
Iron bedsteads,	287 88	
Cash in hands of Overseers,	17 47	
	—————	\$14,842 29

## BILLS DUE MILFORD FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Northbridge,	\$14 75	
Natick,	4 50	
Upton,	9 50	
Brookline,	35 50	
Franklin,	7 00	
Hopedale,	20 75	
	—————	\$92 00



## NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED DURING THE YEAR.

Insane,	14
State,	28
Farm,	82
Other persons,	376
Total,	500

The Superintendent and Matron are paid to March 1, 1889, salary \$600. The Town Physician is paid to April 1, 1889, salary \$150.

The improvements at the town farm the past year are as follows: We have caused the supply of water used for both the house and barn to be obtained from a much better source than before. Therefore we have discarded the old spring as worthless, as in extreme drought the supply of water would be almost entirely gone, and in severe cold weather, water in the piping would become frozen, on account of the piping being laid too near the surface of the ground. Both conditions occasioned an additional yearly expense, in both time and money. The new spring is situated about 300 feet above the old one. It has been dug out to the size of 20 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 7 feet deep, well stoned and covered. All of the work was done by the inmates at the farm under the direction and assistance of the Superintendent; therefore the only expense of the new water supply was for the piping, which has been laid at a sufficient depth to prevent freezing even in the most severe cold weather. We shall never be without a water supply, and it is of a better quality than the old one.

Another improvement is the reclaiming of an almost worthless meadow, by filling with gravel and covering with loam. The meadow is about five acres in extent, and nearly two thirds of it has been made into good land. When it is finished it will become one of the best mowing pieces of land upon the farm. This work has also been performed by the inmates, under the supervision of the Superintendent, the expense being only for the tools required for the work.

The greater number of inmates at the farm has necessitated greater lodging room and we have finished a large hall or room in the attic of the almshouse, that will accommodate twenty persons or more, if necessary. We have had a greater number of inmates at the farm this year than in any previous year, the whole number being 82. The new iron bedsteads for which the town appropriated money have been a much needed addition. They are much more cleanly and comfortable, and present a much better appearance than the old rickety wooden ones.

In regard to the Electa Kimball estate, we will say that Geo. F. Birch, as her acting attorney, drew \$43.70 from the bank,

and expended \$20 for burial and \$22 for a headstone, leaving a balance of \$1.70, which sum he has paid to the Overseers of the Poor.

As Milford has been depressed, much the same as many other boot and shoe manufacturing towns as regards active business, it will be very plainly seen that it was impossible not to exceed the appropriation of the town, with the number of persons we have been obliged to aid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHESTER L. CLARK,  
JOHN SMITH,  
PHILIP P. O'DONNELL,  
Overseers of the Poor.

## Report of Town Park Commissioners.

### RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation,	\$100 00	
John Kempton, for hay,	40 00	
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### EXPENDED.

Hugh Smith, labor,	\$25 00	
Patrick Larkin, "	6 00	
C. E. Whitney, "	15 00	
T. E. Morse, painting,	11 20	
Field Brothers, lumber,	14 62	
N. K. Sprague, labor,	6 75	
Michael McKeague, "	65 08	
Otis Whitney & Son, "	1 65	
Moses Smith, "	2 00	
Eldredge & Beattey, painting,	2 85	
Clark Ellis & Sons, grass seed,	.1 50	
Highway department, teaming,	40 00	
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C. W. WILCOX,  
HENRY E. FALES,  
DWIGHT RUSSELL,  
Town Park Commissioners.

# REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:—

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with our annual custom, the Board of Engineers have the honor to submit the following report of the department under our charge, together with receipts and expenditures, a correct record of the fires and alarms, cause as near as could be obtained, amount of insurance and insurance paid, the expense of maintenance in the department, and such recommendations for the coming year as the Board think will tend to improve the same.

## RECEIPTS.

Received of Lewis Hayden, Town Treas.,	\$4,960 68
“ P. J. Baxter, for truck wheels,	10 00
“ Engine companies, for fuel,	35 06
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1888,	23 04
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	\$5,028 78

## EXPENDITURES.

### PAY OF MEMBERS.

Paid.

Milford S. F. E. Co., No. 1,	\$455 00
Excelsior H. & L. Co., No. 1,	600 00
Washington Hose Co., No. 2,	455 00
Wide Awake Hose Co., No. 1,	455 00
Wm. C. Gillman Hose Co., No. 4,	455 00
F. M. Walker, driver Steamer No. 1,	175 00
John Hennessey, driver Hose No. 1,	12 50
John Casey, driver Hose No. 2,	69 67
George H. Thompson, steward Hose Co. No. 1,	43 00
F. J. Rockwood, steward Hose Co. No. 2,	43 00
M. F. Hannigan, steward Hose Co. No. 4,	20 00
John Keelon, steward Hose Co. No. 4,	20 00
J. T. Kelly, steward H. & L. Co. No. 1,	40 00
Henry Willard, engineer Steamer No. 1,	175 00
N. B. Fairbanks, engineer Steamer No. 2,	160 00
Board of Engineers,	317 50

Total expense for pay of members,	<hr/> \$3,495 67
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## INCIDENTALS.

Paid.	
Geo. D. Wellington, oil cans and hose nozzle,	\$ 1 35
Field Brothers, lumber,	10 49
O. D. Holmes, ringing fire alarm,	12 00
James Bergin, use of wagon,	2 50
Manchester Locomotive Works, supplies,	6 40
Jas. Teeling, labor at Hose Co. No. 4 house,	2 00
Boston Woven Hose Co., supplies,	9 70
Thos. Droney, labor at H. & L. house,	17 00
Estate of Seth P. Carpenter, rent of land,	15 00
Otis Whitney & Son, labor on Spruce street house,	1 00
G. M. Greene, two water gauges,	6 40
H. A. Barney, coal,	34 44
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies,	28 25
Geo. A. Sherborne, horse hire,	11 50
Thos. Davoren, horse hire,	41 67
Henry E. Madden, record book,	1 25
Patrick Dillon, labor and supplies,	176 85
Sam. Johnson, repair on H. & L. truck,	78 00
C. Callahan & Co., hose,	344 50
C. A. Hoyt, labor and supplies,	15 57
A. S. Tuttle & Co., mattress and bed,	10 50
M. W. Edwards, horse hire for H. & L.,	100 00
P. P. O'Donnell, horse hire for Hose 4,	41 25
Henry Willard, labor,	97 72
B. & A. R. R., freight,	1 77
Wm. Coffey, labor,	6 00
John Manning, supplies,	3 43
F. J. Rockwood, labor and supplies,	12 50
C. R. Scott, for fence rear H. & L. house,	9 16
D. R. Johnson, labor,	10 72
J. P. Gallagher, printing,	12 00
N. B. Fairbanks, wrench and file,	1 00
Henry J. Dearing, supplies,	6 35
J. T. Kelly, supplies,	1 15
John Keelon, repairing hose,	30
Milford Water Co., water,	39 00
Electric Light & Power Co.,	200 80
L. E. Belknap, labor and supplies,	5 00
J. C. Coffey, labor,	5 00
P. Cronin, fire ward,	6 40
J. Davoren, fire ward,	26 00
P. Lynch, bbl. oil,	5 20
A. M. Perham, labor,	2 50
F. M. Walker, labor,	3 00
D. R. Johnson, painting H. & L. house,	97 75

Total expense for incidentals,

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\$1,520 37



## RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts for year 1888,		\$5,028 78
Pay of members,	\$3,495 67	
Incidentals,	1,520 37	
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Total expense for year,		\$5,016 04
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Balance, cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1889,		\$12 74
Appropriations for year 1888,		\$5000 00
Expense for year,		5016 04
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Exceeded appropriations,		\$16 04

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is recommended by the Board of Engineers, that the same amount of money be appropriated for the Fire Department as last year, as follows:—

For Pay of members,	\$3,430 50
Incidentals,	900 00
Repairs,	169 50
New hose,	500 00
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	\$5,000 00

## ROLL OF MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer,	P. J. BAXTER
Assistant Engineer,	D. R. JOHNSON
Assistant Engineer,	P. P. O'DONNELL
Clerk and Treasurer,	JOHN J. MANNING

MILFORD STEAM FIRE ENGINE Co., No. 1.—Foreman, Nahum Gaskill; assistant foreman, Fred Wales; clerk and treasurer, Fred M. Walker; engineman, Henry Willard; stoker, H. E. Rockwood; driver and janitor, Fred M. Walker; hosemen, W. P. Leland, Wm. Brown, Geo. Whitney, James A. Boyce, A. H. Smith, J. H. Morse, F. A. Greene, Wm. Struthers, Oscar P. Hill, Albert S. Allen.

AARON CLAFLIN STEAM FIRE ENGINE, in reserve.—Engineman, N. B. Fairbanks; stoker, W. A. Fairbanks. The above steamer is in first class repair and is ready to be used at any time its services are required, and is operated by Steamer Co., No. 1.

WIDE AWAKE HOSE Co., No. 1.—Foreman, Henry I. Benney; first assistant, B. A. Hart; second assistant, George H. Hart; clerk and treasurer, John J. Hennessey; steward, George H.

Thompson; hosemen, Henry Willard, C. T. Witherell, E. B. Bates, Walter Steele, S. W. Blunt, E. B. Hubbard, Chas. A. Morey, W. M. Millen, L. Dolliff.

WASHINGTON HOSE CO., No. 2.—Foreman, L. E. Belknap; first assistant, T. F. Martin; second assistant, Emmons Fletcher; clerk, Wm. J. Pyne; steward, F. J. Rockwood; hosemen, P. J. Connors, Bart. Harrington, El. Dalton, J. J. Ring, T. P. Cronin, John Mathews, J. T. Berrill, J. H. Murphy, Ben. Montague, T. F. Callanan.

WM. C. GILLMAN HOSE CO., No. 4.—Foreman, Martin J. Buckley; first assistant, George Julian; second assistant, John Cronan; clerk and treasurer, C. A. Cheney; steward, John Keelon; hosemen, D. O. Connors, Wm. Curtin, M. Higgins, M. Hannigan, C. H. Voyer, T. Casey, Jerry McNamara, Charles Foley, John Herlihy, Jas. Hannigan.

EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.—Foreman, Thos. J. Connors; first assistant, James Lally, jr.; clerk, T. F. Connors; treasurer, Michael H. Sullivan; steward, John Kelly; ladder-men, M. Burke, Philip Callery, Edward Ronch, John L. Keefe, John Connors, George Manning, James J. Smith, James Baxter, Frank Foley, Peter Cauley, John Lally, John Callery, L. V. Corbett, Edward Reilly, John O'Neil.

## SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

### PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF EACH COMPANY, AND THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE SAME.

Milford Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1 built by Cole Bros., Pawtucket, R. I., and Aaron Claflin Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 2, are both in first class condition at present, having been thoroughly repaired recently. The Aaron Claflin Steamer was built by the Amoskeag Co., Manchester, N. H. They are equipped as follows: 1300ft. of reliable hose, 800ft. unreliable hose, 75ft. lawn hose, 2 pairs lead bars, 1 pair lead reins, 13 woolen overcoats, 3 rubber coats, 12 drag ropes, 12 belts, 10 pairs spinners, 6 pipes, 2 axes, 2 bars, 3 hydrant wrenches, 3 single hydrant gates, 2 siamese, 2 union couplings, 8 lanterns, 1 wheeljack, 1 stove and pipe, 1 step-ladder, 1 feather duster, oil cans, wrenches, 1 set double harness, 1 four-horse whip, 1 single horse whip, 2 pairs horse-blankets, 1 set trace lengtheners, 2 bedsteads, 2 springs, 2 mattresses, 4 pairs bed-blankets, 1 pair spreads, 2 pairs comforters, 4 sheets, 4 pillow-cases, 6 pillows, 2 carpets, 2 mirrors, 3 chairs, 1 bureau, 1 table.

Wide Awake Hose Carriage No. 1., built by Abbott-Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in thorough repair and is equipped as follows: 1200ft. hose in good condition, 100ft. hose in poor condition, 1 iron bar, 1 axe, 2 fly-pipes, 1 harness, 5 lanterns, 1

siamese, 5 spanners, 1 hydrant wrench, 2 oil-cans, 1 sponge, 1 chamois, 1 sprinkling-pot, 50ft. lawn hose, 1 horse blanket, 7 woolen coats, 1 shovel, 1 stove, 1 double pole for Hose No. 1 and No. 2.

Washington Hose Co. No. 2., one carriage built by Abbott-Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in first class condition and is equipped as follows: 2 pipes, 2 nozzles, 1 hydrant wrench, 1 siamese coupling, 10 drag-ropes, 5 spanner belts, 11 spanners, 15 overcoats, 2 oil cans, 1 oiler, 1300ft. good hose, 1 wheeljack, 2 reel-wrenches, 1 settee, 1 stove and pipe, 1 feather duster, 1 chamois and sponge, 1 cap, 1 monkey-wrench, 1 horse-blanket.

Wm. C. Gillman Hose Carriage, built by Abbott-Downing Co., Concord, N. H., is in first class condition and is equipped in the following manner: 18 blue coats, 7 rubber coats, 2 lanterns, 1 siamese shut-off, 2 play-pipes, 7 spanners, 1 pail, sponge and chamois, 1 axe, 1 bar, 2 drag-ropes, 2 hydrant wrenches, 50ft. lawn hose, 1 office stove, 800ft. good hose, 350ft. hose in poor condition.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Truck, built by E. B. Preston & Co., Chicago, Ill., is in good condition and is equipped as follows: 1 65-ft. Bangor ladder, 1 Somerville ladder (40 ft.), 1 wall ladder (25ft.), 1 roof ladder (28 ft.), 1 roof ladder (19 ft.), 1 roof ladder (12 ft.), 1 wall ladder (12 ft.), 4 forks, 3 rakes, 2 extinguishers, 1 drag-hook and pole, 6 buckets, 2 iron bars, 4 pike-poles, 700 ft. rope, 1 extra large rake, 65 ft. lawn hose, 1 cap wheel and hydrant-wrench, 1 stove, 1 table, 2 oil cans, 20 coat straps, 18 coats, 2 pick-axes, 2 carriage-jacks, 1 chamois, 1 duster, 3 settees, 4 lanterns, 11 curtains and fixtures, 1 fire escape chute, 1 jumping-net, 1 gun-chest, 1 gun and equipment, 1 extension ladder (40 ft.), 1 roof ladder (22 ft.).

Property in the Engineers' room: 1 stove and pipe, two large office-tables, 2 settees, 10 large chairs, 4 rubber coats, 3 lanterns, 8 badges, 2 water-gauges.

There are four buildings, owned and occupied by the department, located as follows: One on South Main street, occupied by Steamers No. 1. and No. 2., in first class condition; one on Spruce street, occupied by Hose Co. No. 1 and No. 2, in good condition; one on corner of Spruce and Main streets occupied by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1., in first class condition, having recently been repaired in a thorough manner; one on Central street occupied by Wm. C. Gillman Hose Co. No. 4, in first class condition.

There are sixteen reservoirs situated in the thickly settled parts of the town, and four hydrants located in the depot district, suitable for steamers only, there not being force enough from them to throw a stream over any building. They have been very convenient in case of fire in this district, and have done good service and will continue so if properly cared for.



## LOCATION OF HYDRANTS OF THE MILFORD WATER WORKS COMPANY.

Beach street, corner Central.  
 Beach street, foot of Simons.  
 Central street, corner Front.  
 Central street, opposite C. W.  
     Shippee's shop.  
 Central street, opposite G. L.  
     Thayer's shop.  
 Central street, opposite Bragg's  
     slip.  
 Central street, opposite R. E.  
     Foster's shop.  
 Congress street, corner Church  
     Place.  
 Congress street, corner Ex-  
     change.  
 Congress street, opposite Pine.  
 Congress street, opposite Spruce.  
 Congress street, opp'te Walnut.  
 Chestnut street, corner Orchard.  
 Claflin street, near R. C. Hus-  
     sey's house.  
 Claflin street, corner Franklin.  
 East Main street, opp'te Short.  
 East Main street, opposite Hop-  
     kinton road.  
 East Main street, corner Cook.  
 East Main street, head of Beach,  
     opposite Basin.  
 Franklin street, opp. Chestnut.  
 Fruit street, opposite Otis.  
 Forest street, opp. Claflin.  
 Front street, near J. M. Esta-  
     brook's shop.  
 Grove street, opposite G. G.  
     Parker's house.  
 Hayward street, opposite Car-  
     roll street.  
 High street, corner Spruce.  
 Jefferson street, opp'te Bragg's  
     slip.  
 Lawrence street, opp. Quinlan.  
 Mechanic street, corner Winter.  
 Main street, corner Prospect.  
 Main street, corner Green.

Main street, corner Fruit.  
 Main street, corner Chapin.  
 Main street, corner Hollis.  
 Main street, corner South Main.  
 Main street, corner South Bow.  
 Main street, corner Central.  
 Main street, opposite Lawrence  
     Block.  
 Main street, corner Pine.  
 Main street, corner Jefferson.  
 Main street, corner Spring.  
 Main street, corner Spruce.  
 Main street, corner Court.  
 Main street, corner North Bow.  
 Main street, opposite Sumner.  
 North Bow street, opp. Colburn  
     Fuller & Co's shop.  
 North Bow street, opposite  
     Jefferson.  
 North Road, opposite I. N.  
     Crosby's house.  
 North Road, near A. Gibson's  
     house.  
 Pearl street, corner Main.  
 Pearl street, opposite Granite.  
 Pine street, opp. Baptist church.  
 Pond street, opposite L. A.  
     Cook's coal office.  
 School street, junction of Pearl.  
 School street, opp. High school.  
 School street, corner Spruce.  
 South Main street, corner Or-  
     chard.  
 South Main street, cor. Forest.  
 South Main street, junc. Grove.  
 South Bow street, cor. Claflin.  
 South Bow street, cor. Baker's  
     slip.  
 Sumner street, opp. Granite.  
 West street, corner High.  
 West street, corner Quinlan.  
 Walnut street, corner Emmons.  
 Winter street, corner Granite.



## FIRES AND ALARMS.

There were fourteen general alarms of fire during the year ending Feb. 1, 1889, and two still alarms.

The total insurance on buildings damaged by fire,	
as near as could be obtained, amounted to	\$ 35,450 00
The total insurance on contents damaged by fire,	
as near as could be obtained, amounted to	110,275 00
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Total,	\$145,725 00
Total insurance paid on buildings damaged by fire,	\$469 00
“ “ contents “ “	938 50
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Total insurance,	\$1,407 50

FEB. 27. Storage-shed owned and occupied by E. J. Prentice, valued at \$500. Damage, \$10; insurance on building, \$200; insurance paid, \$10. Contents valued at \$200; insurance, \$500; no damage; no insurance paid. Cause of fire, incendiary.

APRIL 14. Block on Main street owned by C. R. Scott, valued at \$7,500; occupied by stores and tenements. Fire in market occupied by C. M. Mason. Damage, \$20; insurance, \$3,000; insurance paid, \$20. Contents valued at \$800; damage, \$50; insurance, \$1000; insurance paid, \$50. Cause, alleged incendiary.

APRIL 23. Building owned by A. Claffin, valued at \$2,100; occupied by Bartlett & Ellis as a workshop. Insurance, \$1,200; no damage; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$2,000. Insurance, \$4,000; no damage; no insurance paid. Cause, chimney. Still alarm.

APRIL 28. Brush fire on land of Isaac Claffin. Cause, carelessness of owner.

JUNE 7. House owned and occupied by Kate Fitzgerald, valued at \$4,000. Insurance, \$1,500; no damage; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$1,500; damage, \$40; insurance, \$1,000; insurance paid, \$29.50. Cause, falling of two lamps.

JUNE 13. Woodshed owned by heirs of H. C. Scott, valued at \$150; occupied by W. E. Cheney. No damage. Contents valued at \$10; no damage. Cause unknown.

JULY 4. Block on Main street owned by C. R. Scott, valued at \$3,500, and occupied by stores and tenements. Fire in grocery store of Cheney Bros. and shoe store of J. W. O'Connor. Damage, \$56; insurance, \$3,000; insurance paid, \$56. Contents valued at \$2,800; damages, \$679; insurance, \$1,900; insurance paid, \$554. Cause, fireworks.

JULY 12. Dwelling-house owned by heirs of T. Devine, valued at \$700, and occupied by L. Foster. Insurance, \$600; no damage; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$350; no damage. Cause, chimney.

JULY 21. Barn owned and occupied by Wm. O'Connell, valued at \$50. Insurance, \$50; no damage; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$101.50; damage, \$50; insurance, \$75; insurance paid, \$35. Cause, unknown. Still alarm.

AUG. 23. Store-house owned and occupied by Greene Bros., valued at \$400; damage, \$15; insurance, \$400. Contents valued at \$800; damage, \$10; insurance, \$1,000. Cause, spark from N. Y. & N. E. locomotive; damages to be settled by N. Y. & N. E. Railroad company.

SEPT. 6. Block on Main street owned by C. R. Scott, valued at \$3,000, and occupied by stores and tenements. Fire in saloon occupied by J. C. Mulhall. Insurance, \$3,000; no damage; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$1,200; damage, \$10; no insurance. Cause, gasolene stove.

OCT. 16. Building owned by A. Claffin, valued at \$2,500, and occupied by L. T. Tougas, die manufacturer, and Lilley Bros., needle manufacturers. Damage, \$40; insurance, \$1,200; insurance paid, \$35. Contents valued at \$2,700; insurance, \$3,200; no damage; no insurance paid. Cause, caught from boiler, as one of the sills under the bricks was not protected.

OCT. 20. Dwelling-house and barn owned and occupied by Thos. Holland; house valued at \$1,200, barn at \$900; damage to house, \$50; to barn, \$900; insurance on house, \$400; on barn, \$200; insurance paid on house, \$10; on barn, \$200. Contents of barn valued at \$200; damage, \$50; insurance, \$300; insurance paid, \$59. Cause, supposed carelessness of owner.

DEC. 4. Building owned by Milford Shoe Co., valued at \$20,000, and occupied by Charles W. Shippee as shoe manufactory. Damage, \$5; insurance, \$17,000; insurance paid, \$5. Contents valued at \$117,000; damage, \$35; insurance, \$98,000; insurance paid, \$35. Cause, gas jet under tar pot.

DEC. 8. Dwelling-house owned and occupied by M. W. Edwards, valued at \$1,600. Damage, \$200; insurance, \$1,200; insurance paid, \$133. Contents valued at \$1,000; damage, \$500; insurance, \$300; insurance paid, \$176. Cause, over-heated stove.

JAN. 28, 1889. Dwelling-house and barn owned by A. Rollands, valued at \$2,500. Unoccupied. Loss total on barn, partial on house; insurance, \$3,000. Contents valued at \$225; damage, \$225; no insurance. Cause, supposed to be incendiary.

### FIRE DISTRICTS.

District No. 1 comprises the territory included within North Bow and South Bow streets and the east side of Main street. Signal, one long and one short whistle.

District No. 2 comprises the territory from the Town House to Mt. Pleasant street, thence to and through the Plains to the Medway and Holliston lines. Signal, one long and two short whistles.

District No. 3 takes in the territory from the Hopkinton railroad to the Silver Hill road. Signal, one long and three short whistles.

District No. 4 comprises the territory west from Silver Hill road to Water street. Signal, one long and four short whistles.

District No. 5 comprises the territory between Water and South Main streets to the Hopedale line. Signal, one long and five short whistles.

District No. 6, between South Main, Franklin, and Depot streets. Signal, one long and six short whistles.

District No. 7, from Depot, between Pond and Mt. Pleasant streets. Signal, one long and seven short whistles.

District No. 8 comprises the territory between Spruce, Congress, and west side of Main streets. Signal, one long and eight short whistles.

Citizens and firemen, you will take notice that District No. 1 has been changed, and No. 8 district added to the list; the above change being, in the minds of the engineers, for the best interests of town and department.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we wish to state that the department is in very good condition, each company doing what it can to assist the engineers and working in unison with each other. It is apparently the aim of the members to make the Milford Fire Department second to none in any town in our state. We wish to express our sincere thanks to them for the generous way in which they have helped us, also to the citizens in general who have assisted us willingly, whenever called upon to do so. During the past year we have helped to perfect our department by the addition of a jumping-net, gun and chute, articles which were required by the state law to be had. We believe that the town should see that the Milford Water Co. live up to its contract, as a serious drawback that the department had to contend with, was occasioned by defective hydrants. We would deem it advisable to have Steamer Co. No. 2 reorganized and put in active service. The cost for maintaining said company would be more than offset by the faithful services the members would perform at fires where it is essential to have two steamers in constant use.

Again thanking the members of the department and citizens for their many favors, we respectfully submit the above report.

P. J. BAXTER, Chief Engineer.

D. R. JOHNSON, First Assistant.

P. P. O'DONNELL, Assistant.

J. J. MANNING, Clerk and Treasurer.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1889.

In hands of Treasurer, closing of books, Feb. 19,	
1888,	\$ 1,304 21
Borrowed of Milford Savings Bank,	51,500 00
Received of	
P. A. Gleason, collector of taxes, 1886,	44 00
“ “ 1887,	713 69
M. J. Reynolds, “ (on account of 1886),	421 11
“ “ (on account of 1887),	3,635 02
“ “ 1888,	71,613 55
A. W. Beard, state treasurer, corporation tax,	308 97
“ “ support state paupers,	19 46
“ “ corporation tax,	3,207 51
“ “ national bank tax,	673 60
“ “ state aid, Chap. 252,	865 50
“ “ “	4,070 00
“ “ Armory rent,	300 00
“ “ Mass. school fund,	48 53
E. A. Brown, county treasurer, dog tax returned,	766 42
E. D. Baneroff, treasurer Hopedale, county tax,	1,662 53
F. L. Holmes & Co., rent 1 year, to Mar. 1, 1888,	12 00
Town stable, rent 1 year to Dec. 1, 1888, by J. D. Shippee,	48 00
Geo. A. Sharpe, rent town stable by J. D. Shippee,	16 00
Dr. Gordon, “ “	12 00
J. H. Robinson, “ “	7 00
D. C. Mowrey, money deposited for care burial lot,	150 00
Town of Rockland, state aid reimbursement,	24 00
T. P. Mahan, and 3 others, lock-up keys,	4 00
T. Shea, settlement of suit,	59 86
Mrs. S. P. Carpenter, drain suit,	36 03
T. F. Davoren, lock-up bill,	9 00
Farrel Foundry Co., sale of crusher,	100 00
Sale of Town History,	69 85
Milford Gas Light Co., lamp post and lanterns,	15 50
S. W. Hayward, use of lock-up,	3 50
B. H. Montague, rent of Town Hall,	245 70
“ “ lock-up,	149 00
Total,	\$142,115 54



## Received for liquor licenses as follows:—

Bryan Manion,	\$125	Thos. Mullen,	\$125
John Cronan,	125	Jas. F. Stratton,	175
John F. Moore,	125	Wm. H. Flemming,	125
Wm. Sheehan,	125	P. Gillon,	175
Jas. F. Stratton,	125	L. R. Hazard,	175
John H. Keefe,	125	Jas. Igoe,	175
David Quinn,	125	J. H. Matthews,	200
M. Howard,	125	J. F. McGuinness,	200
Jos. Woods,	125	W. P. Beals,	200
Wm. A. Pond,	125	C. H. Gillon,	200
O. F. Knowlton,	125	John Stratton,	200
J. J. Milan,	125	Alfred Goucher,	200
M. Tiernan,	125	Wm. Quinlan,	50
Louis Roden,	125	A. J. Lavery,	50
Kate Fitzgerald,	125	Mrs. D. Kelley,	50
J. O. Mahoney,	125	Kate McCormick,	50
J. C. Mulhall,	125	J. Dillon,	50
Thos. Kelley,	125	George Tulley,	50
J. L. Martin,	125	Eliz. Ward,	50
P. Gillon,	125	Mrs. John Callanan,	50
D. Nugent,	125	Mrs. Eliz. Tobin,	50
J. L. Keefe,	125	Mrs. M. Reynolds,	50
Peter Cauley,	125	Mrs. Kate Smith,	50
Thos. Quirk,	125	P. J. Donohue,	1
L. R. Hazard,	125	A. H. Sweet,	1
Thos. Magee,	125	H. E. Morgan,	1
R. Holland,	125	A. B. Morse,	1
John Rogers,	125	J. A. Rice,	1
H. P. Conley,	125	Dr. Lamson,	1
C. J. Smith,	125		
Jas. Bradley,	125	Total,	\$6,581

## Received for pool table licenses:—

John Cronan,	\$2	J. F. McGuinness,	\$2
B. Manion,	2	C. H. Gillon,	2
Alfred Goucher,	2	Louis Roden,	2
J. O. Mahoney,	2	J. H. Matthews,	2
D. Quinn,	2	Thos. Kelley,	2
J. H. Keefe,	2	G. G. Martin,	2
Wm. A. Pond,	2	M. C. Murray,	2
O. F. Knowlton,	2	M. Howard,	2
J. L. Martin,	2		
J. L. Keefe,	2	Total,	\$36

## Received for auctioneer licenses:—

J. H. Wood,	\$2	G. C. Thayer,	\$2
L. Hunt,	2	C. M. Mason,	2
G. G. Thayer,	2		
R. W. Tirrell,	2	Total,	\$14
M. J. Reynolds,	2		

Received for show licenses:—

Mrs. S. P. Carpenter,	\$ 6	Music Hall Co.,	\$32
Circus Royal,	33	J. T. McLoughlin, Oleo	
O. D. Holmes "barges"	8	licenses,	1
C. H. Walker, (2)	50		
Total,			<u>\$130</u>

Received the following sums in connection with the Highway Department:—

W. H. Bourne,	gravel, by J. D. Shippee, Supt.,	\$ 4 50
N. W. Weed, street cleanings,	" "	26 00
F. W. Mann,	" "	5 00
S. Mathewson,	" "	6 50
Peter Cauley,	" "	6 40
C. H. Metcalf,	" "	16 20
P. Dwyer,	" "	2 00
M. Edwards,	" "	1 50
Dea. Bradish,	" "	10 00
D. B. Rockwood,	" "	4 00
L. H. Cook,	" "	1 00
Solon Hapgood,	" "	50
P. Nealon,	" "	2 00
John Mack,	" "	3 00
C. Fiske,	" "	50
Mrs. Mann,	" "	50
Edwin Willis,	" "	1 00
Wm. B. Hale, labor,	" "	13 00
G. N. Hayward,	" "	40 45
Gillon block,	" "	34 00
W. H. Bourne,	" "	16 80
Park Comm'rs,	" "	40 00
Milford Water Co.,	" "	144 20
A. W. Keene,	" "	9 00
Wm. Sheehan,	" "	5 00
P. Cuddihy,	" "	21 08
Milford Gas Co.,	" "	2 00
C. Ellis & Sons,	" "	15 42
A. Cook, stone,	" "	2 50
Universalist church,	" "	3 00
D. O'Connell,	" "	8 00
P. Casey,	" "	2 00
Music Hall Co., gutter,	" "	15 00
L. Hunt, sidewalk,	" "	88 42
Z. C. Field,	" "	81 85
C. W. Wilcox,	" "	41 19
J. E. Walker,	" "	58 64
A. Seaver,	" "	12 00
A. Seaver,	" "	52 50
T. & P. Donohue,	" "	45 50
L. C. Cheney,	" "	14 67

A. Supple,	sidewalk,	by J. D. Shippee, Supt.,	14 36
Israel Patch,	"	"	31 25
Peter Cook, heirs,	"	"	20 00
C. C. Cheney,	"	"	57 70
I. N. Crosby,	"	"	20 60
Hannah Crowley,	"	"	30 10
Owen Keefe,	"	"	42 30
School committee,	"	"	13 50
Margaret Roach,	"	"	37 80
M. W. Edwards,	"	"	33 00
H. E. Fales,	"	"	107 12
Dwight Russell,	"	"	77 68
B. H. Spaulding, sewer,	"	"	60 00
H. E. Morgan,	"	"	34 10
C. Noyes,	"	"	20 00
P. Cuddihy,	"	"	29 50
P. Lynch,	"	"	11 50

Total, \$1,497 33

#### RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Incidental receipts, including amount in treasury,	\$142,115 54
Licenses of all kinds,	6,761 00
Receipts from Highway Dept.,	1,497 33

Total,	\$150,373 87
Paid on Selectmen's orders,	149,457 47

Balance in treasury, Feb. 18, 1889, \$916 40

#### TOWN DEBT.

Statement of town debt, as it appears at time of closing the books:—

Bonds (5's) held by Milford Savings Bank, due 1893,	\$40,000 00
Memorial Hall note (4½), on demand,	15,000 00
Bonds (6's) held by Milford Savings Bank, due 1897,	10,000 00
Bonds (6's) held by Boston parties, due 1897,	15,000 00
Treasurer's note held by Savings Bank (5's) on demand,	5,000 00
" " " (5's) "	5,000 00
Selectmen's " " (5's) "	5,000 00
" " " (5's) "	3,500 00

Total debt,	\$98,500 00
Increase debt over 1887, \$4,500.	

I have to report all bound volumes of the Town History as sold, except five volumes. We have some 200 volumes (uncovered) stored in the Town House. It is for the tax-payers to say what we shall do with them. The agent for the Town History Publishing Co. has never made a report of his doings. It is possible he may have some books unsold.

LEWIS HAYDEN, Treasurer.



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for 1888. In my report last year, the attention of the citizens was called to the advisability of overhauling the records in the fire-proof vault in the Selectmen's room, and the purchasing of a cabinet file, in which the bills, orders, petitions, records, etc., could be filed, in order as to years, and finally indexed; so that any information desired could be readily and easily found, instead of the necessary delay now consequent upon its disordered condition. As no appropriation was made to carry out this recommendation, the same condition still exists. I again deem it proper that this matter should be brought to your attention, and believe that if an appropriation is made for this purpose, the town will be amply repaid by the economy, utility and convenience that will result.

I also wish to submit for your consideration, certain recommendations which seem to be necessary for the better preservation and improvement of the records, especially the records of births, marriages and deaths. The legal and historic value of these records, by which very often are decided "questions of legitimacy, legal settlement in towns, and various other contested points, to say nothing of the important deductions relating to vital and mortuary statistics," ought to act as an incentive for vigilance and care in preserving the same. As the law now stands, the clerk of each city and town is required to annually transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, certified copies of the records of births, marriages and deaths which have occurred therein during the preceding year.

If, from fire or other causes, the original records since 1841 (when the Act in Relation to Registration Returns was passed) were lost, obliterated or destroyed, copies could be taken from those in the Secretary's office; but the official records prior to 1841 are only in the custody of the Clerk of the town, and could not be replaced in case of destruction.

Unfortunately, our public records are not written on parchment, as is the custom in England, and in consequence are subject to decay from atmospheric action on them, causing the paper to decay and the ink to fade, so that our early records (from 1782 to 1841) are now in a condition which I think warrants me in thus calling your attention to them. While I am aware that a great part of the information contained in these records is compiled in the "Biographico-Genealogical Register" of the "History of Milford," still it does not cover the ground which these re-



cords do, and would not supply the deficiency, if they are allowed to decay. The most feasible plan to remedy this, appears to me to be the system adopted by several cities and towns, namely, the printing of the records (from 1782 to 1850) in one volume, and stereotyping the form, so that if none of the copies should survive, the plates would remain, and copies could be printed for the mere cost of presswork and paper, at any time.

All the records of births, marriages and deaths are in immediate need of binding, and in cases of some books, the leaves are so loose that great care is required to keep them intact. Some provision ought to be made to have these bound at once. With these suggestions I leave these matters for your consideration, and if they meet with your approval, an appropriation should be made at the coming meeting to carry them out.

### MARRIAGES.

Intentions issued,			81
Marriages recorded,			87
Number solemnized in	Milford,	61	
“	Hopedale,	6	
“	Worcester,	2	
“	Uxbridge,	2	
“	Hopkinton,	2	
“	Lowell, Newton Upper Falls,		
Franklin, Southboro, Leicester, Spencer, Mill-			
ville, Foxboro, West Brookfield, Quincy, Hol-			
liston, Woonsocket, R. I., East Weatogue,			
Conn., and Bangor, Me., 1 each,		14	
		—	87
First marriage, grooms, 78,	brides, 75,		153
Second “ “ 9,	“ 12,		21
	—	—	—
	87	87	174
Average age of groom,		29	
“ bride,		26	
Oldest groom,		67	
“ bride,		59	
Youngest groom,		18	
“ bride,		17	
Grooms whose age exceeds bride's,		63	
Brides whose age exceeds groom's,		13	
Same age, in years,		11	
		—	87
Greatest difference in ages of one couple, 28 years.			
Parents' consent filed, 4.			

### BY WHOM PERFORMED.

By Rev. James T. Canavan,	17
“ Adin Ballou,	10

By Rev. D. F. McGillicuddy,	9
“ Charles Tilton,	9
“ J. B. Wicks,	6
“ S. A. Gardner,	4
“ Henry A. Cook,	2
“ Webster Woodbury,	1
Austin Howard, Justice of the Peace,	2
Revs. Sanford B. Sweetser, Lowell; M. O'Brien, Newton Upper Falls; Dennis Scannell, Worcester; M. Sullivan, Worcester; Arthur Page Sharpe, Franklin; Jos. Neal, Holliston; Edward Norton, Quincy; J. Frank Winkley; Thos. Earle Babb, West Brookfield; F. H. Burbank; M. F. Johnson, Foxboro; Daniel A. Wade; M. D. Murphy, Hopkinton; H. L. Robinson, Uxbridge; W. Wignall, Hopkinton; P. Farrelly, Woonsocket, R. I.; D. E. Ad- ams, Southboro; Charles W. Lyon, East Weatogue, Conn.; Edw. P. Phreamer, Millville; Thos. B. Lowney, Medway; Oliver S. Dean, Holbrook; Thos. W. Nicker- son, Leicester; M. O'Brien, Bangor, Me.; Henry G. Gay, Southboro; 1 each,	24
Lewis Hayden; Geo. P. Ladd, Spencer, and A. A. Put- nam, Uxbridge, Justices of the Peace, 1 each,	3
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## DEATHS.

Number recorded,			204
“ of males,		111	
“ females,		93	
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Died in January,	males, 14,	females, 12,	26
February,	“ 7,	“ 8,	15
March,	“ 10,	“ 6,	16
April,	“ 14,	“ 8,	22
May,	“ 9,	“ 6,	15
June,	“ 11,	“ 6,	17
July,	“ 7,	“ 7,	14
August,	“ 11,	“ 13,	24
September,	“ 9,	“ 10,	19
October,	“ 11,	“ 5,	16
November,	“ 4,	“ 6,	10
December,	“ 4,	“ 6,	10
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## CONDITION OF PERSONS DECEASED.

Marrried,	males, 46,	females, 35,	81
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Single,	"	51,	"	33,	84
Widowers,		14,	widows,	25,	39
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		111			93
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Causes of death, as reported by the physicians: Consumption, 36; pneumonia, 16; heart disease, 17; old age, 17; kidney diseases, 9; cholera infantum, 8; apoplexy, 8; bronchitis, 5; diphtheria, 4; tubercular meningitis, 7; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 4; general debility, 5; chronic diarrhœa, 4; convulsions, 4; paralysis, 3; dysentery, 3; typhoid fever, 3; softening of the brain, 2; hydrocephalus, 2; nervous prostration, 2; suicide, 2; premature birth, 2; cancer, 2; shock from burns, 2; uraemia poison, 2; accident, 2; inflammation of bowels, 2; various other diseases, 31. Total, 204.

Of the 204 deaths, 172 were interred in Milford; 32 in other places.

#### BIRTHS.

Whole number registered,			180
Number of males,			87
"    females,			93
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			180
Children of foreign parentage,			46
"    native    "			100
"    mixed    "			34
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			180
Number of instances of twins,	3		
Illegitimate,	6		
Born in January,	males, 5	females, 4	9
February,	"    9	"    9	18
March,	"    6	"    14	20
April,	"    5	"    10	15
May,	"    9	"    6	15
June,	"    7	"    7	14
July,	"   10	"    7	17
August,	"    9	"   11	20
September,	"    7	"    7	14
October,	"    7	"    6	13
November,	"    7	"    7	14
December,	"    6	"    5	11
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		87	93
			<hr/>
			180

#### LICENSES.

Liquor licenses recorded, first class,	39
“ “ fourth “	15
“ “ sixth “	6
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Auctioneers' licenses recorded,	7
Pool and billiard licenses recorded,	18

The number of licenses issued to dealers in oleomargarine was 2; received for same and paid Town Treasurer, \$1.

## DOG LICENSES.

Whole number licensed—males, 372; females, 62,	434
Amount received for same,	\$1,054 00
Amount sent County Treasurer,	967 20
Number licensed last year,	359
Amount received last year,	\$862 00
Increase over last year,	192 00

## MORTGAGE RECORDS.

Chattel mortgages recorded,	74
Assignment of wages,	13
Transfer of mortgage, 1; mortgages discharged, 15.	
Attachment of bulky articles,	1

## MARRIED WOMEN.

Certificates recorded of married women doing business on separate account,	8
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## NATURALIZATION.

Number of applications for naturalization under Chapter 345, Acts of 1885,	2
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## ROADS.

Descriptions recorded,	7
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## TOWN MEETINGS.

March 5, 1888; April 30, 1888; November 6, 1888. Total, 3.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. McLOUGHLIN, Town Clerk.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF MILFORD:—

The first duty of the Selectmen after March meeting was to elect a Superintendent of Highways, and after four weeks' deliberation, John D. Shippee of Holliston was elected, he having had several years' experience in building and repairing roads. In consideration of the fact that some of the appropriations have been exceeded during the current year, the Selectmen deem it only right that the citizens should know where and how the extra money has been expended. Owing to the late heavy rains taking the frost out of the ground, the streets washed very badly, which necessitated large outlays to put them in condition; and we have expended a large amount in the outskirts of the town. We had hoped to keep within the appropriations.

We have had two men nightly acting as patrolmen during the year, their services ending Jan. 1, 1889. This was an additional expense to the town, and we would recommend that some provision be made in the future to meet such expense, as it is our opinion that a street patrol is necessary. We find the town treasury depleted at the present time, owing to overdrawing last year and this. Last year the following accounts were overdrawn:—

On bonds,	\$7,000
Memorial Hall Square,	7,500
Damages on highways and cost of Shea suits,	2,739
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Total last year,	\$17,239
This year the amount overdrawn will reach,	
on highways, about	\$ 2,500
Poor department,	3,000
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Total,	\$22,739

The Selectmen would recommend that the town raise, in addition to the current expenses for the next year, \$10,000.

Any tax-payer wishing to examine bills can do so by applying to the clerk of the board.

### TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Orders drawn.

Times Pub. Co., 1,000 copies reports, sewer  
committee,

\$ 22 75

Times Pub. Co., printing and advertising,	\$ 59 25
P. P. Field and M. W. Edwards, expenses to Ansonia, Conn.,	26 58
C. A. Sumner, services as teller,	6 00
John Miller, shooting and burying dog,	1 00
Milford Water Co., water for armory,	9 00
“ “ Main street trough,	40 00
“ “ Dilla “	40 00
Daily News, Board of Health notice,	37 10
“ advertising,	77 50
S. C. Sumner, checking voting list,	10 00
John Gilbride, military aid on acc't of Rock- land,	24 00
Thomas Jago, damage to fence,	3 15
G. M. Billings, 1,500 copies town reports,	123 00
“ printing and advertising,	70 00
Bernard F. Kelly, services as teller,	3 00
Crohen Connell, abating nuisance,	50
M. P. Burns, money paid for abating nuisance,	2 50
Murty Reynolds, abating nuisance,	1 00
Chas. L. Walker, “	50
Wm. Shockrow, “	2 00
John Ahearn, “	1 00
J. M. Eaton, M. D., paid for abating nuisance,	50
T. F. Davoren, watching at water works trench,	15 00
Jeremiah Davoren, “ “	9 00
T. P. Mahon, “ “	8 50
G. W. Stacy, supplies,	15 24
“ “ for Assessors,	21 03
J. H. Burns, services as constable March 5,	2 50
Capt. J. T. Berrill, for target range for Co. M,	25 00
P. P. Field and M. W. Edwards, expenses to Boston and Worcester for horses,	35 00
Alton A. Cook, surveying and measurements,	99 43
Cook & Sons, printing and advertising,	102 00
C. R. Scott, rent of armory,	275 00
M. J. Buckley, services as teller,	6 00
J. H. Wood, legal advice,	25 00
T. F. Davoren, reward for a conviction of ille- gal liquor selling,	25 00
John Usher, water,	5 00
G. A. Sherborne, express,	40
“ moving safe,	3 00
Hapgood & Mayhew, team for Assessors,	9 00
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight bill,	86
M. R. Warren, license blanks,	12 42
H. C. Snell, police duty,	63 00
O. H. Bailey & Co., views of Memorial Hall and Town,	10 00

Cary Safe Co., safe,	\$ 40 00
C. B. Fletcher, reimbursement tax of 1887,	1 13
Mrs. P. B. Draper, " 1888,	3 00
Geo. W. Lane, " 1888,	73
Robert Rivers, " 1888,	3 00
R. P. Harrington, " 1888,	3 00
Hon. H. B. Pierce, new "Register of Voters,"	3 50
C. F. Walter & Co., record book,	5 50
J. F. McGuinness, bills,	15 50
Field Bros., lumber,	90
John M. Wood, mowing and cleaning North Purchase cemetery,	6 00
J. T. McLoughlin, postage and express,	9 84
" compiling and copying new register,	25 00
Jos. D. Crosby, services as teller,	2 50
Geo. A. Sherborne, sprinkling street,	15 00
A. J. Sumner, copying for Assessors,	2 50
Thos. Lyons, damage to stone wall,	4 86
French & Co., bill,	8 50
M. W. Edwards, team to clerks' meeting, Mendon,	1 50
W. H. Pyne, services as teller,	6 00
Hixon Bros., bill,	6 50
N. F. Blake, services as teller,	3 00
S. A. Brock, supplies,	5 08
P. H. Curran, services as teller,	3 00
Murty Reynolds, damage to stone post,	1 50
L. Hayden, postage, stationery and express,	5 00
J. P. Stedman, M. D., return of births,	2 25
E. C. Atkins, M. D., " "	5 00
John J. Duggan, M. D., " "	6 25
Jerome Wilmarth, M. D., " "	75
Chas. Mackin, M. D., " "	12 25
C. D. Albro, M. D., " "	50
M. W. Edwards, return of deaths,	30 00
Wood & Nye, " "	21 00
	<hr/> \$1,587 75

## DAMAGES AND LAWSUITS.

Miss Delia Grainey, for injuries received on sidewalk,	\$ 50 00
Frank W. Phipps, damages received on high- way,	30 00
J. A. Taft, attorney for L. R. Hazard on highway,	100 00
Stephen Sweet, services as witness, Beatty case ('87),	3 00

P. P. Field, expenses and money paid witnesses in Shea case,	\$ 84 00	
Henry E. Fales, Esq., legal services Shea case, advice and notices for different boards,	263 20	
		<hr/> \$530 20

## SALARIES.

M. Broderick, services at town meeting,	\$ 5 00
“ police duty July 3 and 4,	3 00
“ services as patrolman,	140 25
James H. Burns, “ “	140 25
Mathew Burns, police duty, July 3 and 4,	3 00
M. W. Edwards, officers for duty, July 3 and 4,	10 00
Thomas F. Davoren, “ “	3 00
“ “ services as police officer,	19 00
O. D. Holmes, night watch,	84 00
“ constable,	29 00
“ police duty July 3 and 4,	3 00
Charles Mackin, M. D., services on board of health ('87),	41 00
Charles Mackin, M. D., services on board of health for 1888,	39 00
J. M. Eaton, M. D., services on board of health for 1888,	50 00
M. P. Burns, services on board of health ('88),	111 30
Jesse A. Taft, registrar,	100 00
A. Wheeler, “	100 00
James Murray, jr., “	100 00
J. T. McLoughlin, “	100 00
T. J. Connor, services as assessor,	124 75
G. E. Stacy, “ “	185 00
Lewis Hayden, “ “	170 00
“ “ treasurer,	250 00
E. J. Dalton, constable for registrars,	2 00
C. L. Clark, services as overseer of poor,	325 00
P. P. O'Donnell, “ “	100 00
John Smith, “ “	100 00
P. P. Field, “ selectman (chairman),	275 00
M. W. Edwards, “ “	265 00
C. H. Walker, “ “	265 00
B. H. Montague, sealer of weights,	20 00
J. T. McLoughlin, clerk selectmen,	100 00
“ town clerk,	75 00
“ coll't'g, indexing and re- turning births, marriages and deaths,	120 45
M. J. Reynolds, tax collector, '86 taxes,	4 39
“ “ '87 “	39 63



M. J. Reynolds, tax collector, '88 taxes	\$781 59	
	<hr/>	\$4,283 61
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		\$6,401 56

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

## INCIDENTALS.

T. N. Ide, blacksmithing,	\$ 78 43
Prentice & Son, grain,	535 12
S. Johnson, blacksmithing,	19 55
C. C. Fisk, hay,	94 52
“ repairing bridge,	1 25
James A. Boyce, blacksmithing,	124 25
Mrs. A. M. Holmes, rent of barn,	75 00
A. E. Sumner, repairs,	5 00
P. Conniff, repairs,	11 90
C. O. Woodbury, sundries,	10 45
T. C. Eastman, grain,	309 40
Peter McCabe, sand and cement,	2 85
Hopedale Machine Co., castings,	7 35
D. B. Rockwood, painting four carts,	25 00
“ supplies and labor,	26 60
Norcross Bros., stone and labor,	41 80
Ira N. Ide, blacksmithing,	10 25
C. A. Ambler & Co., supplies,	12 23
Henry S. Cushman, harness supplies,	74 35
William L. Billings, sundries,	7 75
Greene Bros., team,	3 00
J. J. Grothe, blacksmithing,	51 43
John W. O'Connor, supplies,	33 90
T. F. Davoren, supplies,	5 00
Field Bros., lumber and straw,	143 82
“ coal,	64 25
Boston & Albany R. R. Co., freight bill,	35 47
Geo. D. Wellington, supplies,	69 55
American Spiced Food Co., bill,	17 50
G. M. Billings, printing,	8 25
Frank D. Mann, repairing,	1 20
A. S. Tuttle & Co., supplies,	19 83
G. W. Howland, powder,	3 50
P. Lynch, supplies,	28 67
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies,	401 60
C. A. Hoyt, labor and supplies,	8 86
Ball & Sprague, repairing fences,	8 76
Fred M. Walker, supplies,	2 40
Weed Bros. & Lent, labor,	198 31
C. R. Scott, rent of barn,	150 00
Dwyer Bros., sign,	6 85
“ painting,	1 25
Cook Bros., tallow,	3 30

Lysander Grow, blacksmithing,	\$ 32 43
Thos. Quirk, posts,	8 40
J. D. Shippee, supplies,	33 56
Henry Bullard, hay,	45 00
Squire Holdsworth, use of oxen,	4 00
R. Folger, stamp brand,	1 00
B. H. Spaulding, man and team,	159 45
M. W. Edwards, team,	31 50
Milford Water Co., water for town barn,	7 50
“ “ “ stone crusher,	15 00
S. A. Brock, iron pump,	3 25
Chester L. Clark, man and team,	70 87
John J. Conroy, oil,	2 60
Hussey Bros., bill,	5 50
L. A. Cook, supplies,	98 24
Wm. Johnston & Co., teaming,	111 14
E. C. Claffin, straw,	30 96
Geo. C. Buck, supplies,	11 30
P. J. Donohoe, supplies,	13 85
Geo. W. Stacy, sundries,	4 12
Eldredge & Beatty, labor and supplies,	24 09
Henry Willard, supplies for stone crusher,	25 28
L. E. Belknap, labor and supplies,	35 40
J. N. Lilley, repairing harnesses,	1 50
M. A. Goldsmith, posts,	23 75
Arthur Hill, repairs,	2 00
P. Cronan, repairs,	4 80
Orrin C. Cook, team and labor,	36 00
Wm. Sheehan, grate and cover,	5 00
H. A. Barney, supplies,	68 44
M. P. Burns, repairs,	85
Appleton Bragg, gravel,	23 15
Barton Cook, gravel,	8 08
Mrs. Laura Graves, gravel,	15 00
Samuel Hayward, gravel,	11 75
I. N. Crosby, gravel,	7 52
Geo. A. Wight, gravel,	6 60
L. H. Cook, gravel,	73 20
J. E. Macuen, gravel,	8 96
Rev. P. Cuddihy, stone and gravel,	6 00
Miss A. Percival, gravel,	4 22
W. B. Hale, loam,	55 20
J. P. Daniels, loam,	4 00
G. N. Hayward, loam,	2 80
Farrel Foundry & Machine Co., crusher and engine,	1,600 00
T. S. Sloan, one pair of horses,	600 00
Geo. A. Sherborne, horses on acct. fire dept.,	114 00
Wm. Johnstone & Co., “ “ “	101 50
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	\$6,298 51

## CENTRAL STREET SEWER EXTENSION.

Alton A. Cook, services,	\$ 5 00	
Field Bros., lumber,	52 37	
Jas. H. Magee, mason work,	12 93	
Geo. D. Wellington, supplies,	13 84	
Clark, Ellis & Sons, supplies,	384 49	
Milford Water Co., brick,	48 15	
“ “ use of trench pump,	15 00	
Hussey Bros., lumber,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$535 98
Total cost of sewer:—		
Supplies etc., as above,	\$535 98	
Labor and team work,	1,013 55	
	<hr/>	\$1,549 53

## SIDEWALKS.

Cuddihy & McGuff, curbing,	\$99 00	
John Cuddihy, curbing,	781 16	
Timothy Shea, curbing, (1887),	17 50	
Chandler Cheney, labor,	4 50	
F. M. Ballou, concrete work,	1,537 93	
	<hr/>	\$2,440 09

## AMOUNT FOR LABOR.

Highways, Sewers and Sidewalks :—		
W. L. Billings, superintendent,	\$ 195 00	
J. D. Shippee, superintendent, 10 months,	900 00	
C. O. Woodbury,	799 92	
W. L. Billings, labor as per orders,	1,130 00	
J. D. Shippee, “ “	8,247 21	
Henry Willard,	113 45	
	<hr/>	\$11,385 58
Total amount expended,		<hr/> \$20,660 16

## Appropriations :—

Highways,	\$10,500 00
Sidewalks,	2,000 00
Central street sewer,	2,000 00
Building new streets,	900 00
Lincoln street sewer,	100 00
	<hr/> \$15,500 00

## Sidewalk betterments collected by

## J. D. Shippee, paid to Treas.:—

M. W. Edwards,	\$33 00
P. Cook, heirs,	20 00
I. N. Crosby,	20 60
L. Hunt,	88 42

A. Supple,	\$14 36	
T. & P. Donohoe,	45 50	
Mrs. Cheney,	14 67	
I. Patch,	31 25	
A. Seaver,	52 50	
Dr. D. Russell,	79 68	
H. E. Fales,	107 12	
J. E. Walker,	58 64	
C. Wilcox,	41 19	
Z. C. Fields,	81 85	
C. Cheney,	57 70	
Hannah Crowley,	30 10	
Owen O'Keefe,	42 30	
Margaret Roche,	37 80	
Water Co. repairs,	35 00	
Music Hall Co.,	15 00	
A. Seaver, gutter,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$918 68

Due the town :—

D. J. Cronan,	\$20 78	
J. Barrett,	18 17	
M. Casey,	28 05	
T. Jago,	22 03	
I. R. Spaulding,	88 38	
P. Lyons,	27 62	
Mr. Ritingier,	4 50	
S. Sweet,	54 78	
Edward Roach,	27 00	
Owen Waters,	29 92	
Patrick Maher,	31 55	
John Kirby,	26 10	
Mrs. Broughey,	13 95	
	<hr/>	\$392 83

Cash received for street cleanings and stone,	122 60
“ “ labor,	343 95

Sewer betterments paid :—

B. H. Spaulding,	60 00	
C. Noyes,	20 00	
H. E. Morgan,	34 10	
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Due the town :—

W. C. Gillman,	38 00	
Farrel Foundry and Machine Co., for old crusher,	100 00	
Rent of town barn,	83 00	
Work done for other departments :—		
Memorial Hall, grading, etc.,	164 20	
Town Hall, concrete,	76 56	
Fire Department, concrete at Hooks' House,	50 69	



Fire Department, horses for fire duty,	\$215 50	
	<hr/>	\$18,120 11
Exceeded appropriation,		\$2,540 05

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

S. F. Blodgett, Superintendent,	\$22,638 60	
Ball & Sprague, repairing fences,	8 25	
	<hr/>	\$22,646 85

## POOR DEPARTMENT.

Chester L. Clark, chairman,	\$12,239 51
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. E. Madden, clerk and treasurer,	2,378 00	
T. F. Davoren, use of horses,	41 67	
Fred M. Walker, 3 months' pay,	29 16	
Fred M. Walker, sheeting,	3 00	
D. R. Johnson, painting,	97 75	
C. Callahan & Co., bill,	344 50	
P. Dillon, repairs,	166 60	
John J. Manning, clerk and treasurer,	1900 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,960 68
W. H. Bourne, supplies,		10 09
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		\$4,970 77

## TOWN LIBRARY.

N. F. Blake, treasurer,	\$600 00	
N. F. Blake, $\frac{1}{2}$ dog tax,	383 01	
	<hr/>	\$983 01

## INTEREST.

Milford Savings Bank,	\$4,319 45	
Hide & Leather Bank,	900 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,219 45

## GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

Milford Electric Light and Power Co.,	\$3,022 61	
Milford Gas Co.,	729 11	
Globe Gas Light Co.,	788 52	
	<hr/>	\$4,540 24

## TOWN HALL AND LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

Milford Water Co., water,	\$ 9 00
L. L. Wheelock, repairs,	2 10

Field Bros., coal and wood,	\$185 52	
N. K. Sprague, labor,	1 50	
Cyrus Noyes, labor and supplies,	48 03	
S. A. Brock, stove and fixtures,	42 20	
William Hinds, cleaning vault,	10 00	
P. Dillon, labor,	3 15	
Clark Ellis & Sons, labor and supplies,	44 81	
Henry Willard, labor,	4 00	
Frank H. Scanlon, return of lockup keys,	1 00	
B. H. Montague, supplies,	47 32	
“ salary as janitor,	200 00	
“ “ lock-up keeper,	100 00	
“ lock-up expenses,	7 16	
	<hr/>	\$706 79

## MEMORIAL HALL ACCOUNT.

H. B. Thayer, services as janitor,	\$300 00	
Milford Water Co., water,	32 41	
H. T. Merriam, fire escape,	225 00	
T. E. Morse, supplies,	7 83	
C. A. Ambler, supplies,	14 74	
W. F. Reynolds, repairs,	1 00	
Field Bros., coal and lumber,	71 03	
E. McKay, supplies,	11 17	
A. C. Kinney, cleaning steps,	5 00	
P. Dillon, labor,	3 10	
L. L. Wheelock, mason work,	6 35	
A. S. Crofoot, labor,	75	
Clark Ellis & Sons, labor and supplies,	32 44	
F. W. Mann, grinding, cleaning lawn mower,	1 00	
C. A. Hoyt, labor and supplies,	20 15	
Eldredge & Beatty, labor and supplies,	3 52	
Henry Willard, labor and supplies,	3 15	
T. N. Ide, hitching posts,	1 50	
Milford Gas Co., for library,	159 20	
	<hr/>	\$899 34

## MEMORIAL DAY.

B. H. Montague, appropriation,	\$100 00
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## VERNON GROVE CEMETERY.

H. C. Skinner, trustee, appropriation,	\$100 00
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## WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

Milford Water Co., rent of hydrants,	\$3,220 00
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## NATIONAL BANK TAX.

A. W. Beard, state treasurer,	\$4,297 65
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## STATE TAX.

A. W. Beard, state treasurer,	\$6,952 50
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## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

A. W. Beard, state treasurer,	\$162 53
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## LIQUOR LICENSES.

A. W. Beard, state treasurer, one fourth amount received,	\$1,670 25
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## MONEY BORROWED AND PAID.

Milford Savings Bank, notes,	\$47,000 00
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## STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid by L. Hayden, treasurer, as follows :—

State aid,	\$4,099 00	
Military aid,	1,595 00	
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## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Patrick Dillon, per contract,	\$559 41	
R. V. Carey, services as architect,	26 65	
	<hr/>	\$586 06

## STREET SIGNS.

Frank Marshall, signs,	\$120 25	
Carne & Jones, posts,	28 03	
D. B. Rockwood, iron bands,	75	
M. W. Edwards, team,	25 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies,	3 12	
J. T. McLoughlin, labor,	57 00	
	<hr/>	\$234 15

## TOWN PARK ACCOUNT.

Patrick Larkin, labor,	\$ 6 00	
Hugh Smith, labor,	25 00	
C. E. Whitney, labor,	15 00	
Michael McKeague, labor,	65 08	
Moses Smith, labor,	2 00	
T. E. Morse, painting,	11 20	
N. K. Sprague, repairs,	6 75	
Field Bros. lumber,	14 62	
Otis Whitney & Son, repairs,	1 65	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies,	1 50	
Eldredge & Beatty, paint,	2 85	
	<hr/>	\$151 65

## RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Town incidentals,	\$ 6,401 56
Highway department :—	
Incidentals and labor,	17,684 09
Sidewalks,	2,440 09
Central street sewer,	535 98
Schools,	22,646 85
Poor department,	12,239 51
Fire department,	4,970 77
Town library,	983 01
Interest,	5,219 45
Gas and street lights,	4,540 24
Town Hall and lockup,	706 79
Memorial Hall,	899 34
Memorial day,	100 00
Vernon Grove cemetery,	100 00
Water for fire purposes,	3,220 00
National bank tax,	4,297 65
State tax,	6,952 50
Support of paupers,	162 53
Liquor licenses,	1,670 25
State and military aid,	5,694 00
Repairs in Town House,	586 06
Street signs,	234 15
Town park account,	151 65
Care of burial lots,	21 00
Money borrowed and paid,	47,000 00
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	\$149,457 47

P. P. FIELD,  
M. W. EDWARDS,  
Selectmen of Milford.





REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF MILFORD,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1888-9.

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# School Committee 1888-'89.

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GEORGE G. PARKER,	Term expires 1891
GEORGE E. STACY,	" 1891
CHARLES MACKIN,	" 1890
ROBERT H. COCHRAN,	" 1890
JOSEPH F. HICKEY,	" 1889
CHARLES E. WHITNEY,	" 1889

## ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE G. PARKER, Chairman,

S. F. BLODGETT, Secretary.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

S. F. BLODGETT.

## SUB-COMMITTEES.

### *Rules and Regulations.*

R. H. COCHRAN, CHARLES MACKIN,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

### *Repairs.*

CHARLES MACKIN, GEORGE E. STACY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

### *Text-Books and Supplies.*

J. F. HICKEY, C. E. WHITNEY,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

### *Teachers and Examinations.*

J. F. HICKEY, GEORGE G. PARKER,  
THE SUPERINTENDENT.

### *Fuel.*

CHARLES E. WHITNEY, R. H. COCHRAN.

Regular meetings of the Committee: The second Monday of each month, at 8 p. m.

# Annual Report of the School Committee.

## 1889.

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A larger proportion of the annual appropriation of the town is committed to the School Committee, than to any other board of town officers. The total of all town appropriations for the present year was \$73,600, of which \$21,000, or nearly 30 per cent, was for the support of public schools. This exceeds the combined appropriations for the highway and the poor departments, and yet the financial committee of the town reported that \$1,000 more would be needed than was granted.

It is not surprising that the tax-payer should inquire whether this great outlay is really needed; whether it is expended with economy and good judgment; whether it is not in excess of the amount expended by other towns of similar financial ability and equal population, for the same object; and whether there is or is not an increasing extravagance in the management of the schools in our own town.

A few comparisons will show our relative position in this respect. Clinton, in 1885, had a population of 8,945, and its school appropriation the following year was \$20,650. Framingham, with a population of 8,275, appropriated \$20,000. Marlboro had a population of 10,941, and raised \$23,087.20. Dedham, whose population was 6,641, gave \$28,844.23 for public schools. Quincy appropriated \$35,163.87, while its population was 12,140; and Waltham, \$47,260.38, with a population of 14,609. The same year 102 towns and cities raised a larger percentage of their valuation for schools than Milford. Our percentage of valuation was  $3\frac{84}{100}$  mills, while Medway's was  $4\frac{67}{100}$  mills, and Upton's the same; Marlboro's  $4\frac{39}{100}$  mills, and Dedham's  $5\frac{1}{2}$  mills.

Another comparison shows that 144 towns and cities raised a larger sum per pupil than our own town, and among these were Holliston, Upton, Medway, Wrentham, Foxboro, and Framingham, our immediate neighbors.

Referring to the cost of schools in our own town of late years, we find that in 1878-9, ten years ago, when two of our



practical business men were on the board—Geo. W. Johnson and Z. C. Field—the total cost of schools was \$23,403.95. This included the cost of two schools in the territory set off as Hopedale. The year preceding the separation of Hopedale, the total cost of schools was \$24,962.94, being \$1,319.73 in excess of the past year. But it should be remembered that under the present law, all school books and other supplies are furnished free to the pupils at the expense of the town, which for the past year took \$1,319.62 of the appropriation, thus relieving the parents of a great and unreasonable burden. Summing up the whole matter, we find the cost of the year's education of each pupil in the schools, including high, grammar, primary, and all, is less than fifty cents per week. In no view of the case can this be called an extravagant expense.

The estimate of the committee for the year, made in their last report amounted to \$22,560. This would have covered the expenditures within \$83.21. To conduct the schools for the coming year the reasonable requirements are as follows:—

Salary of superintendent and teachers,	\$16,500
Fuel,	1,100
Repairs,	1,000
Text-books and supplies,	1,300
Incidentals,	1,000
Evening school,	500
Janitors,	1,000
Drawing teacher,	400

A full and detailed statement of the management of all our school affairs, including items of expenditures, number of pupils, and the general results of the school year, is to be found in the reports of the Secretary and Superintendent submitted herewith, and approved by the board. It will be seen that the year has been a prosperous one, and generally satisfactory to parents, children, teachers, and to all interested in the welfare of the public schools of Milford.

GEO. G. PARKER,  
 GEO. E. STACY,  
 CHARLES MACKIN,  
 ROBERT H. COCHRAN,  
 JOSEPH F. HICKEY,  
 CHARLES E. WHITNEY,  
 School Committee.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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Following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year ending Feb. 1, 1889.

Last year the committee recommended that the following appropriations be made:—

For teachers' salaries, including teachers of drawing and evening school;	\$15,860 00
For salary of Superintendent,	1,500 00
“ fuel,	1,100 00
“ repairs,	1,000 00
“ text books and supplies,	1,100 00
“ incidentals,	1,000 00
“ janitors' salaries,	1,000 00
Total,	\$22,560 00

I have quoted this table, that, by comparing it with the table of expenses which follows, you may see that the committee asked for the money which was actually needed to carry on the schools. The total expenditure this year exceeds that of last year by \$1439.13. Of this amount, \$755.55 is in salaries, and yet no teacher's salary has been raised this year. Last year we employed a third assistant in the High School, and four assistants in the other schools, during only the last term of sixteen weeks. This year we have employed the same number of assistants through the entire year. This accounts for the additional expenditure for salaries. Our repair account is about \$500 more, and our supply account \$200 more than last year. These three items explain the increase in expenses.

We have drawn from the treasury \$1207.06 in excess of the amount given by vote of the town, one-half of the dog-tax, and the state fund. At the town meeting in March, the committee on appropriations, after due consideration of the matter, recom-

mended that \$22,000 be appropriated for schools. The town voted only \$21,000. Had the additional \$1000 been given, it would have very nearly covered the expense for the year.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount voted by town,	\$21,000 00
One-half dog tax,	383 01
Mass. School Fund,	48 53
Received for sale of books,	27 54
"    tuition,	9 00
Amount overdrawn,	1207 06
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Total,	\$22,675 14

### EXPENSES.

For salaries of teachers,	\$15,944 10
"    janitors,	894 50
For salary of superintendent,	1500 00
For fuel,	1117 29
"    repairs,	1114 57
"    text-books and supplies,	1319 62
"    incidentals,	785 06
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Total,	\$22,675 14

### SUMMARY.

Orders drawn on Town Treasurer,	\$22,638 60
Received for books sold,	27 54
Received for tuition,	9 00
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Total amount expended,	\$22,675 14
Total appropriations and receipts,	21,468 08
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Exceeded appropriations,	\$1207 06

MILFORD, Feb. 12, 1889.

At a special meeting of the School Committee, held this evening, it was voted to adopt the report of the Superintendent as a part of the report of the School Committee.

S. F. BLODGETT, Secretary.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MILFORD:—

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit for your consideration my second report, which is the twelfth annual superintendent's report, and covers the time from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1888. I have included the usual statistics, and have made such a review of the work in the schools and such recommendations for the future as I have thought to be of interest to you.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Milford in 1880,	9,310
“ “ 1889, estimated,	10,000
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1888,	1,405
Decrease from 1887,	124

## SCHOOLHOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied,	17
“ “ not occupied,	1
“ rooms occupied,	36
“ “ not occupied,	4

## SCHOOLS.

High school,	1
Grammar schools,	11
Primary “	15
Ungraded “	5
Evening school,	1

## TEACHERS.

High school, (male 1, female 3,)	4
Grammar,	11
Primary,	15
Ungraded schools,	5
Assistants,	4
Drawing,	1



Evening,	1
Total,	40
Number of teachers graduates of Milford High school,	27
“ “ “ Normal school or college,	11
“ “ who have attended Normal or Training school,	19
Number of times teachers have been tardy,	47
“ half days teachers have been absent,	125

## PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age in May, 1888,	1,405
Decrease from May, 1887,	124
Number registered between 5 and 15 years of age,	1,370
“ over 15 years of age,	180
“ under 5 years of age,	1
Total number of children registered,	1,551
Decrease from 1887,	38
Average number belonging in day schools,	1,262
Average daily attendance,	1,179
Per cent of daily attendance to average number belonging,	93.4
Number of half day's absence,	31,724
“ cases of dismissal,	1,279
“ “ tardiness,	2,436
“ “ truancy,	44
“ “ corporal punishment,	112

## EVENING SCHOOL.

Average attendance February and March, 1888,	40
“ November, December and January,	25
“ February to February,	31

## FINANCIAL.

Salaries of teachers, janitors and superintendent,	\$18,338 60
Fuel,	1,117 29
Repairs,	1,114 57
Text-books and supplies,	1,319 62
Incidentals,	785 06

Total,	\$22,675 14
Value of supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1888,	\$ 671 71
“ “ bought during year,	1,319 62
	————— \$1,991 33

Value of supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1889,	\$ 676 10	
“ “ sold during year,	27 54	
	<hr/>	\$703 64
Net cost of books and supplies,		<hr/> \$1,287 69
Total expenditures,	\$22,675 14	
Books and supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1888,	671 71	
	<hr/>	\$23,346 85
Books and supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1889,	\$676 10	
“ “ sold,	27 54	
	<hr/>	\$703 64
Net cost of schools,		<hr/> \$22,643 21
Average cost per pupil, based on net cost and average number belonging,		\$ 17 91
Cost of evening school,		443 61
Average cost per pupil, based on cost and average at- tendance,		14 31

### CENSUS AND ATTENDANCE.

The census, as taken by the assessors this year, shows a total of 1,405 children between 5 and 15 years of age, a decrease of 124 from last year's census. But the total number registered this year is only 38 less than last year, the average number belonging only 5 less, and the average daily attendance shows an increase of 26 over last year. This fact is important, as it raises our percentage of attendance to 93.4, an increase of 2.4 per cent during the year. There is also a creditable decrease in the number of absences, dismissals and tardinesses. Corporal punishment has decreased from 160 to 112 cases, and truancy from 56 to 44 cases. The last item means more than is shown by the figures; for, through the promptness and efficiency of Truant Officer Burns, the truants have learned that an attempt to play truant means a speedy arrest and return to school. It is a pleasure to be able to state that this evil is decreasing. Since Mr. Burns assumed the office he has performed the duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. He has made regular visits to the factories, and reports that no children are employed who do not hold proper certificates. He has visited 22 schools, returned 24 children to school from the streets, and notified 27 parents or guardians that their children were not in school.

## THE WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

I have found much pleasure in my work in the schools during the year. It is true that the results obtained have not always been such as I have desired, but in all branches taught I can see steady progress. No sweeping change in methods has been attempted, and, on the part of the teachers, I have met a spirit of hearty co-operation in carrying out the suggestions I have made. In the primary grades, excellent work is done in reading. The children are led to grasp the thought of the sentence before attempting to read it aloud, and the result has been the disappearance of the halting style of reading which is necessary when the reader grasps only one word at a time. In the grammar grades, the work in this branch is not so satisfactory, for reasons which I have stated in the article on grades. The work in number in the primary grades is also good. We have aimed to give the pupils only work which they can do well. Special stress is laid on accuracy and neatness of work. Neatness and accuracy are largely matters of habit, and should therefore be insisted on at the very beginning of school life.

In the grammar grades, "Greenleaf's Complete Arithmetic" was substituted for the "Brief Course" in the two lower grades, and the entire subject, as presented by this book, is divided as equally as possible into four parts, so that the work may be completed at the end of the eighth year. In the ninth year the subject is carefully reviewed, and book-keeping is taken during the last period of twenty weeks.

No change has been made in the teaching of geography except that special attention is given to the geography of Milford in the fourth grade. The study is completed in the eighth year and more time devoted to United States history in the last year.

A systematic and uniform study of language was made possible in the primary grades by the adoption in the third and fourth grades of Miss Hyde's "Lessons in English," a little book which is of great value in this work. In the grammar grades no change has been made in this branch.

I consider our work in writing as the weakest part of our work, and there is no good reason why it should not be made the strongest.

In writing, drawing, and the making of figures, we touch the subject of manual training. Here we can train the hand



as well as the mind, and it is of the greatest importance that we spare no time or pains to obtain the best possible results. During the first two or three years of school work, much attention is given to writing, and the progress is good. In the higher grades the work is far from satisfactory, as the teachers have been obliged to neglect it in order to do the other work of the course. I have recently called the attention of the teachers to the importance of this subject, and I feel confident that in the future we will be able to show a marked improvement in this respect.

Excellent work is done in drawing. Early in the spring term, Miss M. B. Smith, who had charge of this department, was compelled to give up her work on account of sickness. The work suffered much by the absence of so faithful an instructor, but the teachers did their best to carry on the work she had planned. At the commencement of the fall term, the committee engaged the services of Miss L. R. McLauthlin, who, having had the advantage of the same training which Miss Smith had at the Normal Art School, has been able to continue the work by the same methods that were so successful last year.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL.

This school continues to do excellent work in spite of the large number of pupils, and notwithstanding the fact that a complete change in the corps of assistants has been necessary. The school provides a liberal course of study for the children of the town, and there is constant effort on the part of the teachers to give the pupils such training as will fit them for the practical business of life. In September Miss L. B. Essex was engaged to take the position held by Miss Leavens last year. At the close of the fall term, Miss Patrick resigned and Miss Parkhurst asked for leave of absence for one term. This necessitated the selection of two teachers, and Miss I. C. Ashley of Westfield, Mass., and Miss Nellie Pickering of Portsmouth, N. H., were elected. Some friction was anticipated as the result of so many changes, but the usual excellent discipline has been maintained, and it is safe to say it will be maintained as long as the school is under the management of the present Principal.

The graduating exercises of last June, given in Music Hall, were unusually good. While the entire programme was admirable and showed the most careful preparation, I will speak particu-



larly of two numbers, "Alcohol and 'The House We Live In,'" given by the class in Chemistry, and "The Earth, Our Storehouse," by the class in Geology. These exercises were not only very interesting as parts of the programme, but gave evidence of the practical work of the school, to which I have referred.

### PROGRAMME.

See your guests approach;  
Address yourselves to entertain them sprightly.  
—Winter's Tale.

Chorus\*—Song of Greeting.

Excursions, Olie L. Brown  
They are the abstract and brief chronicles of the time.  
—Hamlet.

#### FIRST EXCURSION.

List if thou canst hear the tread of travelers.  
—Henry IV.

Caricatures: Uses and Abuses, Lillian E. Thompson  
The Fame of Science, Nellie Brown  
Chorus—Sea Song.

#### SECOND EXCURSION.

O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no other name to be known by, let us call thee devil!—Othello.

Alcohol and "The House We Live In,"

Harold E. Fales, Patrick J. Keelon, Patrick J. Lawless,  
Grace L. Blood, Etta M. Green, Lydia A. Roberts.

Chorus—June Day.

#### THIRD EXCURSION.

In nature's infinite book of secrecy  
A little can I read.

—Antony and Cleopatra.

The Earth, Our Storehouse,

Minnie F. Bicknell, Grace J. Crosby, Florence E. Hale,  
Susie T. Miller, Mary L. Toohey.

Chorus—The Voice of the Grass.

#### FOURTH EXCURSION.

You, that are old, consider not the capacities of us that are young.

—Henry IV.

Little Folks in Dickens,

Manger Births,

The Citizen,

Josephine Thayer

Harriot M. Coburn

Philip H. Tirrell

Now our sands are almost run;  
More a little, and then done.

—Pericles.

Presentation of Diplomas, Chairman G. G. Parker  
 Chorus—Class Ode, Written by Florence E. Hale

We know what we are, but we know not what we may be.—Hamlet.

\*Accompaniments by Lydia A. Roberts.

The following is a list of the graduates of 1888:—

FOUR YEARS' COURSE—ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

Nellie Brown,	Olie Lawrence Brown,
Grace Jeannette Crosby,	Harold Everett Fales,
Patrick Joseph Keelon,	Patrick Joseph Lawless,
Susie Theresa Miller,	Mary Lizzie Toohey.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

Grace Lydia Blood, Lillian Eliza Thompson.

CLASSICAL.

Harriot Morton Coburn,	Josephine Thayer,
Philip Henry Tirrell.	

PARTIAL DIPLOMAS—ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

(Given for an incomplete course.)

Minnie Frances Bicknell,	Etta Melissa Green,
Lydia Ann Roberts.	

CLASSICAL.

Florence Edith Hale.

### OUTLYING SCHOOLS.

The work in the country schools has been very good, when we consider the disadvantages under which they labor. The chief difficulty arises from the fact that there are few pupils and many classes. In endeavoring to carry all the grades, the classes multiply to such an extent that I have found teachers trying to hear thirty recitations in three hundred minutes, giving an average of ten minutes to each class. We have tried, with some success, to reduce this excessive number of classes by uniting two grades in one class. In reading, spelling and geography this may be done, not only without detriment to the pupils, but to their advantage; since, by the reduction of the number of recitations, the teacher is able to devote more time to each class. Another difficulty is that these schools are poorly equipped in the way of wall-maps, charts and globes, things particularly necessary in schools of this character, because a teacher who is so cramped for time for recitations, should have all possible helps in her work. I have thought that in these schools it would be wise to cease the

attempt to carry the several grades distinct, and adopt some system of classification similar to the one suggested by Mr. Prince of the State Board of Education, in his book on "Courses of Study and Methods of Teaching." I quote from his article on the classification of ungraded schools:—

"The following classification might be made in many ungraded schools, consisting of pupils from five to fifteen years of age: four classes in reading, including one class in the reading of history; five classes in arithmetic; two classes in geography, besides the class of younger pupils who are reciting orally lessons in home geography; four classes in spelling, two of which may be heard at the same time; one class in physiology—the rest to be heard orally; one class in history; one class in English grammar; and one in language."

A classification similar to this would be more profitable to the pupils in these schools than the system we are now attempting to follow.

### GRADING.

In my last report, I suggested the advisability of changing our course of eight years to one of nine years. After careful consideration, the committee decided to make the change. At the time the matter was under consideration, I called the attention of the board to the following extract from the report of the State Board of Education. I quote here because it embodies the chief advantages which a course of nine years has over one of eight years:—

"To learn what was the approved period of time required to prepare well for the High School, a letter was addressed to a number of cities in various parts of the country. This letter was responded to by ninety-five cities. Some reported a seven years' course, one or two a ten, thirty-five an eight, and forty-five a nine. A nine years' course is nearly coincident with the cities reputed to have the best system of schools. A nine years' course, then, seems to be favored by custom and demanded by good sense. In the returns above referred to was given the average age of pupils entering the High Schools. Under the eight years' course it was fourteen years, eight months. Under the nine years' course it was fourteen years, eleven months—a difference of only three months. And this was what might have been expected. Whether eight or nine years was given to the course, since no essential change was made in it, the length of time required to complete it would be about the same. Under the eight years' course fewer pupils would reach the standard for the several grades, and many would have to be demoted. Under the nine years' course the standard would be reached by a larger number, hence a greater number of promotions. Here, then, is



an argument in favor of a nine years' course. It affords encouragement and healthy stimulation, while an eight years' course tends to discouragement and repression."

In making this change, I have altered the numbering of the grades. Formerly the lowest primary grade was called the eighth grade, and the highest grammar the first. In the new course, the first grade corresponds to the first year of school work, and the ninth grade corresponds to the last year of the grammar course. The ninth grade was made in this way: All the pupils in the No. 2 grammar schools were promoted to No. 1, and were there divided into two divisions according to the ability of the pupils as shown by their work of previous years. This was done with a desire to do justice, it being the intention to keep back no one who could be prepared to enter the High School at the close of the year.

In the Plains Grammar School, where there were already two grades in the No. 1 room, only three pupils were qualified for the ninth grade; of these, two were sent to the No. 1 at the Brick, and one to No. 1 at the Park. This leaves only the seventh and eighth grades in the No. 1 Plains School.

I am confident that much good will result from this lengthening of the course, as time will be given for important work in the grammar grades which has been crowded out by the pressure of work.

It is in our grammar schools that our system of oral and written examinations, and the ranking of pupils by percentages obtained from these examinations, has been in vogue. These examinations have been held chiefly in arithmetic, geography, language and spelling. The ability to read understandingly and to write legibly has not been considered of so much importance, probably because of the difficulty of marking the work in these branches. The result is that the teacher, pressed for time by the necessity of doing a large amount of work during the year, naturally hurries or neglects that part of her work which is not to be tested by an examination; consequently, if a lesson is to be omitted or hurried, it is either the reading or the writing lesson. In this I attach no blame to the teachers. It is the result of our system of examinations, and the crowding of the work of nine years into a period of eight years. With the course as now arranged we shall do better work in reading and writing. The revised course of study will be published before the opening of schools in September.



## PROMOTIONS.

Last year in my article on this subject I gave our system of promotion, and a few remarks on its practical working. The more I see of this plan, the more I am convinced that it contains much evil for both teachers and pupils. In making this statement, I refer only to that part of the system which determines a pupil's fitness for promotion by an average of percentages obtained in written and oral examinations. Of examinations, both oral and written, by school officers and teachers, I would have not less but more; but I would not have promotion based simply on percentages obtained from them. It is right that I should state a few reasons for this opinion:—

1st. The power of application, the habit of attention and the ability to think, which may be grouped under the one name of "mental ability," and which is the most important factor in determining a pupil's ability to do the work of a higher grade, can not be estimated by per cent. This no one knows, or has the means of knowing, so well as the teacher, and she can only express it in general terms, as "good," "fair," or "poor."

2nd. It offers a premium for brightness in pupils, and places a penalty on dulness. If the dull boy has done his work faithfully during the year, he has obtained the greater part of the benefit which he can derive from the studies of his grade, and should be encouraged by promotion, although he may not have been able to reach the standard in his examinations.

3d. Supt. White of Cincinnati says: "It causes worry, excitement and overtaxing of the nervous energy of the pupils, in cramming for examinations."

4th. It has a narrowing effect upon the teachers. The teacher's aim should be to train her pupils in good habits of study and thought; to induce in them a love of knowledge for its own sake, and in all ways to use her best efforts to prepare them for practical life. These things she can not do when her whole attention is turned towards the problem of how best to prepare them to get 70 per cent on the next written examination.

These are the principal reasons for thinking that the system can be improved. In place of it I would suggest promotions based largely on the teacher's judgment. I am sure there is not a teacher who would hold back a pupil whom she considered able to advance, and pride in her work would prevent her from advancing those not fitted for promotion. Doubtful cases could be

decided by special tests given by the Superintendent and teacher. I am sure that it would result in more healthy work on the part of the pupils. They would soon see that their advancement depended upon honest work, and the faithful performance of their daily duties.

## PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

The Legislature of 1885 passed a law which provides that "Physiology and Hygiene, which in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught, as a regular branch of study, to all pupils in all schools supported wholly, or in part, by public money."

It is now over three years since this law went into operation, and we are in condition to judge, in a measure, of its workings. No one will question the statement that the object of the law was excellent, viz., that the children, in their course through our schools, might acquire a good knowledge of these subjects, and that knowing the effect of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics, they would be better able to resist any inclination to use them.

In conformity to the law, text-books on these subjects have been placed in the hands of our teachers, and oral lessons have been given in all the schools.

In the attempt to comply with the requirements of the law, some difficulties have been met, which I will state as they appear to me. The same text-book is used in all the grades and the lessons given have aimed to cover about the same ground in each. Now the laws of physiology are not simple, but the majority of them are very complex, and beyond the comprehension of pupils in the primary grades. They can learn the names of the principal parts and organs of the human body, and some of their uses. This seems the limit of what can be taught during the first three or four years of school life. Then, in order to understand the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics, one must have some knowledge of the nervous system, a subject beyond the ability of pupils under ten or twelve years of age. Indeed, the majority of adults are in the habit of leaving this subject to the physicians, who in turn are likely to have different opinions regarding it.

The subject of hygiene is easier. Even small children may learn what they should or should not do in order to avoid sick-



ness; for instance, that certain kinds of exposure are likely to induce colds, and that some articles of food are more digestible and more nourishing than others. They may also learn to value habits of neatness and cleanliness.

By the time the pupils have reached the grammar grades, their minds are better developed, and broader work in physiology can be done. They may now better learn the parts of the body in detail, and may begin to understand the relation which the nervous system bears to the other members of the body. When they have some comprehension of this subject they may take up the effect of alcohol and other stimulants upon the nerves, and through the nerves, upon the entire system. In the High School special provision is made for the consideration of the subject as a science. These subjects, unlike the progressive subjects, mathematics and language, are limited in their character, and were we to devote as much time to them as to mathematics, they would be exhausted in a few months, after which it would be mere lifeless repetition, distasteful alike to teachers and pupils,—a result which would cheat us of the very object we have in view. I think we can best comply with the spirit of this law by means of a carefully prepared progressive course in these studies, which shall consist of simple lessons on hygiene and the members of the body, for the primary grades; these to be followed in the grammar grades by as much of the subject of physiology, including special lessons on the nervous system, as will be readily understood by the pupils; and this in turn to be followed by carefully prepared lessons on the effects of stimulants and narcotics.

One half hour per week devoted to this work would be amply sufficient, and in the hands of the efficient teacher would become a source of profit and enjoyment to the children, who would look forward to it as an hour of relaxation in the regular routine of school work.

And after all, it is to the moral influence of the teacher rather than to any mere knowledge on the part of the child, that we must look for the good to be derived from a study of these subjects. Temperance is a matter of the *will* rather than of the intelligence. Boys may *know* the effect of these things and yet learn to use them.

. The teacher, in all her daily association with her pupil, can, and does do much towards the development of his character, in

a direction which will better enable him to reject the wrong and choose the right, when he recognizes them as such.

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

We have reason for thankfulness that, during the year, our schools have been very free from the more malignant forms of disease. There have been a few cases of scarlet fever, but in no case has it been spread through the schools. The whooping-cough has had its accustomed run, and has, in three of the primary rooms, depleted the attendance considerably. This is due to the fact that, in the early stages of the disease, it is almost impossible to distinguish it from an ordinary cold.

### REPAIRS.

This year our bill for repairs has been large, but we feel that the money has been well spent. New fences were built enclosing the grounds at Braggville and Bear Hill, and the fence at Hoboken was repaired and put in good condition. Considerable expense was incurred by the necessity of moving the out-house at the Plains School. A much needed improvement was made by putting in concrete walks at the Park, Brick, and Plains Schools. These improvements, with the usual minor repairs, have raised the amount expended to over \$1000, as shown in the Secretary's report.

### CHILD LABOR.

The act of the last Legislature relating to the employment of children, and their attendance at school, is given in full. Under this law certificates have been granted to 30 children 14 years of age and over, and to only one child under 14.

#### CHAP 348. AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECT. 1. No child under thirteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law.

SECT. 2. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any manner before the hour of six o'clock in the morn-



ing or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening. No such child shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment, except during the vacation of the public schools in the city or town where he resides, unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file a certificate and employment ticket for such child as prescribed by section four of this act, and no such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of such city or town are in session, unless as aforesaid, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law; and such employment shall not continue in any case beyond the time when such certificate expires. The chief of the district police, with the approval of the governor, shall have authority to designate any kind or kinds of employment in factories, workshops or mercantile establishments as injurious to the health of children under fourteen years of age employed therein, and after one week's written notice from the said chief to the employer or his superintendent, overseer or other agent of such designation no such child shall be employed in any such kind or kinds of employment in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment.

SECT. 3. No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file the certificate required in the case of such child by the following section, and also keeps on file a full and complete list of such children employed therein.

SECT. 4. The certificate of a child under fourteen years of age shall not be signed until he presents to the person authorized to sign the same an employment ticket, as hereinafter prescribed, duly filled out and signed. The certificate and the employment ticket shall be separately printed, and shall be in the following forms respectively, and the blanks therein shall be filled out and signed as indicated by the words in brackets:—

#### EMPLOYMENT TICKET, LAW OF 1888.

When [name of child], height [feet and inches], complexion [fair or dark], hair [color], presents a certificate duly signed, I intend to employ [him or her].

[Signature of intending employer or agent.]  
[Town or city and state.]

#### AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATE, LAW OF 1888.

This certifies that I am the [father, mother or guardian] of [name of child], and that [he or she] was born at [name of town or city], in the county of [name of county, if known], and state

[or country] of [name], on the [day and year of birth], and is now [number of years and months] old.

[Signature of father, mother or guardian.]

[Town or city and date.]

Then personally appeared before me the above named [name of person signing] and made oath that the foregoing certificate by [him or her] signed is true to the best of [his or her] knowledge and belief. I hereby approve the foregoing certificate of [name of child], height [feet and inches], complexion [fair or dark], hair [color], having no sufficient reason to doubt that [he or she] is of the age therein certified.

[Signature of person authorized to sign, with official character or authority.]

[Town or city and date.]

In case the age of the child is under fourteen, the certificate shall continue as follows, after the word "certified":—And I hereby certify that [he or she] can read at sight, and can write legibly, simple sentences in the English language, and that [he or she] has attended the [name] public [or private] day school according to law for [number of weeks, which must be at least twenty] weeks during the year next preceding this date, and that the last twenty weeks of such attendance began [date]. This certificate expires [date, one year later than above date].

[Signature of the person authorized to sign, with official character or authority].

If attendance has been at a private school, also signature of a teacher of such school, followed by words,—certifying to school attendance.

[Town or city and date.]

In case a child cannot read and write as above stated, the following may be substituted for the clause beginning "and I hereby certify" through to and including the word "language": "and I hereby certify that [he or she] is a regular attendant at the [name] public evening school"; but in such case the certificate shall only continue in force for as long a time as attendance of such child at such evening school is endorsed weekly during the session of such evening school, not exceeding the length of the public school year minus twenty weeks in place of attendance at day school as now provided by law, with a statement from a teacher thereof certifying that his attendance continues regular. If attendance has been at a half-time school, forty weeks of such attendance must be certified to instead of twenty. The foregoing certificate must be filled out in duplicate, and one copy thereof shall be kept on file by the school committee. Any explanatory matter may be printed with such certificate in the discretion of the school committee or superintendent of schools.

SECT. 5. In cities and towns having a superintendent of schools, said certificate shall be signed only by such superintendent, or by some person authorized by him in writing; in other



cities and towns it shall be signed by some member or members of the school committee, authorized by vote thereof: *provided, however*, that no member of a school committee, or other person authorized as aforesaid, shall have authority to sign such certificate for any child then in, or about to enter, his own employment, or the employment of a firm of which he is a member, or of a corporation of which he is an officer or employee. The person signing the certificate shall have authority to administer the oath provided for therein, but no fee shall be charged therefor; such oath may also be administered by any justice of the peace.

SECT. 6. The certificate as to the birthplace and age of a child shall be signed by his father if living and a resident of the same city or town; if not, by his mother; or if his mother is not living, or if living is not a resident of the same city or town, by his guardian; if a child has no father, mother or guardian living in the same city or town, his own signature to the certificate may be accepted by the person authorized to approve the same.

SECT. 7. No child who has been continuously a resident of a city or town since reaching the age of thirteen years shall be entitled to receive a certificate that he has reached the age of fourteen unless or until he has attended school according to law in such city or town for at least twenty weeks since reaching the age of thirteen, unless exempted by law from such attendance. Before signing the approval of the certificate of age of a child, the person authorized to sign the same shall refer to the last school census taken under the provisions of section three of chapter forty-six of the Public Statutes, and if the name of such child is found thereon, and there is a material difference between his age as given therein and as given by his parent or guardian in the certificate, allowing for lapse of time, or if such child plainly appears to be of materially less age than that so given, then such certificate shall not be signed until a copy of the certificate of birth or of baptism of such child, or a copy of the register of its birth with a town or city clerk, has been produced, or other satisfactory evidence furnished that such child is of the age stated in the certificate.

SECT. 8. The truant officers may, when so authorized and required by vote of the school committee, visit the factories, workshops and mercantile establishments in their several cities and towns, and ascertain whether any children under the age of fourteen are employed therein contrary to the provisions of this act, and they shall report any cases of such illegal employment to the school committee and to the chief of the district police or the inspector of factories for the district. The inspectors of factories, and the truant officers when authorized as aforesaid, may demand the names of all children under sixteen years of age employed in such factories, workshops and mercantile establishments, and may require that the certificates and lists of such chil-

dren provided for in this act shall be produced for their inspection. Such truant officers shall inquire into the employment, otherwise than in such factories, workshops and mercantile establishments, of children under the age of fourteen years, during the hours when the public schools are in session, and may require that the aforesaid certificates of all children under sixteen shall be produced for their inspection; and any such officer, or any inspector of factories, may bring a prosecution against a person or corporation employing any such child, otherwise than as aforesaid, during the hours when the public schools are in session, contrary to the provisions of this act, if such employment still continues one week after written notice from such officer or inspector that such prosecution will be brought, or if more than one such written notice, whether relating to the same child or to any other child, has been given to such employer by a truant officer or inspector of factories at any time within one year.

SECT. 9. Every parent or guardian of a child under fourteen years of age who permits any employment of such child contrary to the provisions of this act, and every owner, superintendent or overseer of any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment who employs or permits to be employed therein any child contrary to the provisions of this act, and any other person who employs any child contrary to the provisions of this act, shall for every such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the use of the public schools of the city or town. Every parent, guardian, or person authorized to sign the certificate prescribed by section four of this act, who certifies to any materially false statement therein, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A failure to produce to a truant officer or inspector of factories the certificate required by the provisions of this act shall be prima facie evidence of the illegal employment of the child whose certificate is not produced.

SECT. 10. The expressions "factory" and "workshop" used in this act shall have the meanings defined for them respectively by chapter one-hundred and three of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

SECT. 11. Within one month of the passage of this act the chief of the district police shall cause a printed copy thereof to be transmitted to the school committee of every city and town in the Commonwealth.

SECT. 12. Sections one to six, inclusive, of chapter forty-eight of the Public Statutes, chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen



hundred and eighty-five, and section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven are hereby repealed.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight. [*Approved May 17, 1888.*]

## REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

I think the appropriations for next year should not be less than the amount asked for in the Committee's report of last year. The amount for salaries, fuel and incidentals can not vary much from the amount expended this year. For repairs not less than \$1000 will be needed. No painting has been done for several years, and many of the buildings are needing it badly. Indeed, there is hardly one of the wooden buildings that would not be benefited by a coat of paint. A few buildings should be painted every year, so that all might be kept in good repair. The ground at the Claffin School should be enclosed by a good fence. During the summer evenings the place is the constant resort of idlers, who commit all sorts of depredations. Last summer nearly all the glass in the basement and out-buildings was destroyed, and some of the sash were carried away. New seats will have to be placed in some of the rooms.

Our bill for text-books and supplies is larger this year than last. It is now five years since the free text-book law went into effect. At that time new books were placed in all the schools. The life of a book varies from three to six years, according to the grade in which it is used. In the primary grades books soon wear out, because the children are young and unaccustomed to their use. In the grammar and High Schools the pupils have grown more careful, and books last longer. In these grades the arithmetics, reading and language books have been in use four or five years, and must soon be replaced. This should be done gradually, that the whole expense may not come in any one year.

I have examined the reports from a number of towns in the state, and find that the average expenditure for this purpose is slightly in excess of \$1 per pupil, based on cost and number registered.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Committee for the kindness and courtesy they have shown me during the

time I have been in connection with the board. The usual tables of statistics are appended.

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

### TEACHERS APPOINTED.

Miss N. M. Conely, West street, July.  
 Miss L. B. Essex, High School, September.  
 Miss K. F. Tully, Assistant, October.  
 Miss I. C. Ashley, High School, January.  
 Miss Nellie Pickering, High School, January.  
 Miss L. R. McLauthlin, teacher of drawing, September.

### TEACHERS TRANSFERRED.

Miss L. Madden from West Street to Park Grammar.  
 Miss M. E. Whitney, from Town House to Deer Brook.

The board were compelled to accept the resignations of Miss M. B. Smith, special teacher in drawing, Miss L. Patrick of the High School, and Miss L. F. Hayward of the Deer Brook School.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. BLODGETT, Superintendent.

TABLE I.

Showing the total cost of each school and the average cost per pupil, based on the average number belonging.

SCHOOLS.	Rooms.	Average No. Belonging.	Total Cost.	Average Cost per Pupil.	REMARKS.
High.....	4	129	\$4316 63	\$33 46	Four classes.
Park Grammar.....	4	167	2690 46	16 11	Four grades.
Plains Grammar and Prim.	4	193	2958 03	15 33	Eight grades.
Brick Grammar.....	4	144	2495 95	17 33	Four grades.
No. Purchase Grammar...	1	24	569 46	23 52	Four grades.
Clafin Primary.....	4	151	2131 19	14 11	Four grades.
Town House Primary.....	2	107	1030 60	9 63	Four grades.
Chapin St. Primary.....	2	118	1086 88	9 54	Four grades.
West St. Primary.....	2	67	1010 70	15 08	Four grades.
Fountain St. Primary.....	1	28	486 39	17 37	Four grades.
Hoboken Primary.....	1	29	506 95	17 48	Two grades.
No. Purchase Primary ...	1	31	470 77	15 18	Four grades.
Silver Hill Ungraded.....	1	13	456 90	35 14	All grades.
Deer Brook Ungraded.....	1	12	464 10	38 67	All grades.
Braggville Ungraded.....	1	18	568 89	31 60	All grades.
Bear Hill Ungraded.....	1	16	508 87	31 80	All grades.
City Ungraded.....	1	15	468 76	31 25	All grades.
Evening School.....	1	31	443 61	14 31	Two classes.

TABLE II. TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS, JANUARY, 1889.

NAMES.	GRADE.	RESIDENCE WHEN ELECTED.	RESIDENCE.	YEAR ELECTED	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
H. W. Lull,	High,	Manchester, N. H.	Cladlin St.	1880	\$ 1700	Harvard College.
Miss L. B. Essex,	"	Fall River,	Franklin St.	1888	500	Wellesley College.
Miss Nellie Pickering,	"	Portsmouth, N. H.	Franklin St.	1888	400	Wellesley College.
Miss I. C. Ashley,	Grammar,	Pittsfield,	Franklin St.	1888	400	Westfield Normal School.
Mrs. K. E. Edwards,	"	Milford,	Summer St.	1873	600	Milford High School and Training School.
Miss H. M. Broderick,	"	"	15 Pine St.	1879	378	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss S. R. Broderick,	"	"	15 Pine St.	1878	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss L. Madden,	"	"	West St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss C. V. Sadler,	"	"	25 Pine St.	1873	600	Milford High School and Training School.
Miss M. F. Aylward,	"	"	285 Main St.	1876	378	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss M. J. Kelly,	"	"	High St.	1877	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss E. O. Taylor,	"	"	Otis St.	1883	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss M. F. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1875	600	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss M. E. Cochran,	"	"	East Main St.	1876	378	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss E. S. Rogers,	"	"	No. Purchase	1884	396	Salem Normal.
Miss J. L. Devine,	Primary,	Holliston,	9 Beach St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. E. Wilson,	"	Milford,	Franklin St.	1887	342	Fall River Training School.
Miss A. B. Chapin,	"	Fall River,	174 Main St.	1863	468	Milford High School.
Miss L. Smith,	"	Milford,	Pearl St.	1882	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss K. McNamara,	"	"	Central St.	1879	342	Milford High School.
Miss K. Chapin,	"	"	174 Main St.	1869	342	Milford High School.
Mrs. A. L. Bell,	"	"	Highland Sq.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss A. M. Plunkett,	"	Medford,	School St.	1887	342	Salem Normal School.
Miss S. E. Sheldon,	"	Milford,	Franklin St.	1871	342	Milford High School.
Miss E. A. Devine,	"	"	9 Beach St.	1881	342	Milford High School.
Miss N. M. Conely,	"	"	Thayer St.	1888	342	Milford High School.
Miss M. T. Kirby,	"	"	Pond St.	1883	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss S. E. Inman,	"	"	Taylor St.	1868	342	Milford High School.
Miss A. A. Conroy,	"	"	East St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss M. L. Minon,	"	"	High St.	1887	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss E. M. Waters,	Ungraded,	"	Carroll St.	1888	342	Milford High School.
Miss M. E. Whitney,	"	"	Grant St.	1884	342	Milford High School.
Miss H. A. Smith,	"	"	Reade St.	1887	342	Milford High School.
Miss J. F. McGann,	"	"	Hayward St.	1887	342	Milford High School & Framingham Normal.
Miss N. F. Gorman,	"	"	Main St.	1885	342	Milford High School.
Miss S. M. Gorman,	Assistant,	"	Main St.	1887	144	Milford High School.
Miss B. J. McLoughlin,	"	"	Main St.	1887	144	Milford High School.
Miss B. F. Powers,	"	"	Main St.	1887	144	St. Mary's School.
Miss K. F. Tully,	"	"	Main St.	1887	144	St. Mary's School.
Miss L. R. McLauthlin,	"	"	East Main St.	1888	144	Milford High School.
J. H. Wood,	Drawing, Evening.	Matfield, Milford,	Franklin St. Main St.	1888	400	Boston Normal Art School.
					\$4 per night	Dean Academy.



TABLE III. ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS FROM JAN. 1, 1888 TO JAN. 1, 1889.

SCHOOLS.	Grade.	Total Enrollment.	Average number Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance to No. Belonging.	No. Half Days' Absence.	No. Cases of Tardiness.	No. Cases of Dismissal.	No. Cases of Corporal Punishment.	No. Cases of Truancy.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Others.	TEACHERS.
HIGH.		190	129	127	98	838	60	73			25		50	H. W. Lull. Miss L. B. Essex. Miss Nellie Pickering. Miss I. C. Ashley.
SOUTH GRAMMAR.	8 & 9	32	24	23	96	260	32	20	1	4	25	1	22	Miss C. V. Sadler.
	7	55	34	32	93	753	41	46	1	2	25		10	Miss M. F. Aylward.
	6	49	40	37	93	1108	155	168	7	11	22	1	16	Miss M. J. Kelly.
	5	51	46	43	94	949	126	133	2	1	18	1	20	Miss E. O. Taylor.
PARK GRAMMAR.	8 & 9	43	32	31	98	204	24	31		1	30		36	Mrs. K. E. Edwards.
	7	47	33	36	96	627	30	19		1	28	1	12	Miss H. M. Broderick.
	6	57	46	44	95	1119	75	66	1	1	28	1	23	Miss S. R. Broderick.
	5	55	51	49	94	1021	131		5		25		39	Miss L. Madden.
NORTH GRAMMAR.	7 & 8	34	26	25	95	466	28	43	3	3	25		7	Miss M. F. Devine.
	5 & 6	58	48	45	95	1374	150	38	12	6	22	2	9	Miss M. E. Cochran.
	3 & 4	72	56	51	91	1708	129	60	13	6	17		17	Miss J. L. Devine.
	1 & 2	64	63	60	95	2274	166	3	10		16			Miss E. E. Wilson.
PURCHASE GRAMMAR.	5-8	35	24	19	81	480	26	33	1		11		13	Miss E. S. Rogers.
CLAFLIN.	4	40	36	33	92	1016	78	25	6		15	1	40	Miss A. B. Chapin.
	3	38	35	32	92	1069	75	35	1	2	17		15	Miss L. Smith.
	2	37	31	29	92	955	54	19		4	20	1	48	Miss K. McNamara.
	1	50	49	44	90	1372	106	10			18	1	42	Miss K. Chapin.
TOWN HOUSE.	3 & 4	58	53	50	94	1170	161	20			24	1	111	Mrs. A. L. Bell.
	1 & 2	77	54	52	94	2241	17	24			19	.1	45	Miss A. M. Plunkett.
CHAPIN STREET.	3 & 4	52	46	43	93	1206	130	190	5		17		25	Miss S. E. Sheldon.
	1 & 2	93	72	65	90	2644	59	31	6		19		45	Miss E. A. Devine.

WEST STREET.	3 & 4 1 & 2	37 36	34 33	32 30	94 92	690 993	24 40	11 12	10 4	1 1	12 11		29 32	Miss N. M. Conely. Miss M. T. Kirby.
FOUNTAIN STREET.	1 - 4	36	28	26	94	658	55	20	1		10		16	Miss S. E. Inman.
PURCHASE PRIMARY.	1 - 4	34	31	27	86	765	150	17	11		9		22	Miss M. L. Minon.
HOBOKEN.	1 & 2	32	29	26	89	1148	32	5	2		11	1	13	Miss A. A. Conroy.
SILVER HILL.		15	13	12	90	417	91	27			9		30	Miss E. M. Waters.
CITY.		17	15	13	87	685	60	21	7		9		10	Miss N. F. Gorman.
BEAR HILL.		19	16	15	97	575	6	7			8	1	4	Miss J. F. McGann.
BRAGGVILLE.		25	18	17	90	693	92	30	2		8		12	Miss H. A. Smith.
DEER BROOK.		13	12	11	92	245	33	42	2		9		8	Miss M. E. Whitney.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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**WINTER TERM.**—High School:—Begins Jan. 2, 1889.

Closes March 22, 1889.

Vacation, one week.

Other Schools:—Begin Jan. 7, 1889.

Close March 15, 1889.

Vacation, two weeks.

**SPRING TERM.**—High School:—Begins April 1, 1889.

Closes June 21, 1889.

Vacation, ten weeks.

Other Schools:—Begin April 1, 1889.

Close June 7, 1889.

Vacation, twelve weeks.

**FALL TERM:**—High School:—Begins Sep. 3, 1888.

Closes Dec. 20, 1889.

Vacation, one week.

Other Schools:—Begin Sep. 3, 1889.

Close Dec. 30, 1889.

Vacation, two weeks.

**WINTER TERM:**—High School:—Begins Dec. 30, 1889.

Other Schools:—Begin Jan. 6, 1890.

## SCHOOL SESSIONS.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**—November to April, 8.30 A. M. to 1.30 P. M.  
April to November, 8 A. M. to 1 P. M.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.**—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1.30 to 4 P. M.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1.30 to 3.30 P. M.

**UNGRADED SCHOOLS.**—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1 to 3.30 P. M.

**LEGAL HOLIDAYS OCCURRING IN TERM TIME.**—Every Saturday, Washington's Birthday, Fast Day, Decoration Day, Thanksgiving Day, and the day following.

**SCHOOL SIGNALS.**—Spaulding's steam whistle, two blasts sounded four times (11-11—11-11). When this signal is sounded at 8 o'clock A. M., there will be no school for the day. When it is sounded at 11.30 A. M., the Primary schools close at 12 M., and the Grammar schools close at 1 P. M., for the day.







# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Board of  
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Vernon Grove Cemetery, Park Commissioners,  
Town Clerk, Auditor, School Committee, and Supt. of Schools,

For the Year Ending February 1, 1890.

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MILFORD, MASS.:

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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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## SELECTMEN.

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AMARIAH A. TAFT.

## TOWN CLERK.

JOHN T. McLOUGHLIN.

## TOWN TREASURER.

CLIFFORD A. COOK.

## TAX COLLECTOR.

MORTIMORE J. REYNOLDS.

## AUDITOR.

AUSTIN HOWARD.

## ASSESSORS.

GEO. E. STACY,                      THOMAS J. CONNOR,  
LEWIS HAYDEN.

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

CHESTER L. CLARK,                      P. P. O'DONNELL,  
JOHN SMITH.

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GEORGE G. PARKER,                      CHARLES MACKIN, M. D.,  
GEORGE E. STACY,                      GEORGE L. COOKE,  
JOHN J. DUGGAN, M. D.,                      ROBERT H. COCHRAN.

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B. H. MONTAGUE,                      EDWARD J. DALTON,  
JAMES POWERS,                      O. D. HOLMES,  
JAMES S. SHERMAN,                      M. W. EDWARDS,  
P. P. O'DONNELL,                      CHARLES H. WATERS,  
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JAMES H. BURNS,                      CORNELIUS COLLINS,  
MARTIN BRODERICK,                      A. S. ALLEN,  
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GEORGE L. MAYNARD,	ISAAC N. CROSBY.

*Officers Appointed by the Selectmen.*

## ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. H. SCOTT,	A. R. CHENEY,
M. J. BUCKLEY,	P. P. O'DONNELL,
J. T. BERRILL.	

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

JAMES MURRAY, JR.,	W. S. V. COOKE,
HENRY J. BAILEY,	J. T. McLOUGHLIN.

## TOWN SOLICITOR.

JOSEPH H. WOOD.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

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## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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IRVING W. SWEET,	MATTHEW BURNS.

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

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IRVING W. SWEET,	MARTIN MAHON.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

J. D. HUNT,	JOHN J. SHOCKROW.
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## POUND KEEPER.

J. D. HUNT.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

CHAS. L. WALKER,	MICHAEL P. BURNS,
MATTHEW BURNS,	ABBOTT A. JENKINS,
PETER ROSS,	HENRY C. SNELL,
JEREMIAH DAVOREN.	

## SPECIAL POLICE.

HENRY B. THAYER,	ISAAC WARD.
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*Appointed by the Overseers of the Poor.*

## TOWN PHYSICIAN.

JOHN J. DUGGAN, M. D.



## APPROPRIATIONS.

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At a legal meeting held March 4, 1889:—

Highways . . . . .	\$9,000 00
Incidentals . . . . .	5,000 00
Gas and Street Lights . . . . .	4,400 00
Town Library . . . . .	500 00
Schools . . . . .	22,000 00
Poor Department . . . . .	9,000 00
Interest . . . . .	4,500 00
Water for Fire Purposes . . . . .	3,300 00
Vernon Grove Cemetery . . . . .	100 00
Military Aid . . . . .	600 00
Fire Department . . . . .	4,500 00
Memorial Day . . . . .	100 00
Town Park . . . . .	200 00
Sidewalks . . . . .	1,000 00
Town Debt . . . . .	5,000 00
Extension of Lincoln Street Sewer . . . . .	100 00
Arranging Town Records . . . . .	250 00
Aid, Chap. 438, Acts of 1888, Art. 14 . . . . .	500 00
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	\$70,050 00

At a Legal Meeting April 29, 1889:—

Enforcement of Law, Art. 2 . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Repairs in schoolhouses to comply with Chapters 149 and 426, Acts of 1888, Art. 3 . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$2,500 00

At a Legal Meeting Sept. 9, 1889:—

Franklin Street, Article 2 . . . . .	\$ 500 00
Voting Compartments, Article 4 . . . . .	200 00
Pond Street, Article 5 . . . . .	1,000 00
Vernon Grove cemetery fence, Article 6 . . . . .	600 00
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	\$2,300 00

Total . . . . .	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$74,850 00
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## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

CURRENT EXPENSES.		Bills contracted previous to Feb. 18, 1889, and paid out of the appropriations for this year.	Amounts paid for which there was no appropriation, and amounts paid from this year's funds on appropriations not yet levied.
Highways, .....	\$10,108.51	Total Amount Last Year's Bills, ....	\$304.92
Incidentals, .....	9,384.65	Total Amount Last Year's Bills, ....	1,367.34
Settlement of Law Suits:—			
Gas and Street Lights, .....	4,667.81	Mead, Mason & Co., .....	\$1,200.00
Sidewalks, .....	3,469.35	T. Shea, .....	500.00
Military Aid, ..	1,706.00	H. E. Fales, Norcross Suit, ..	100.00
State Aid, ....	4,447.00	G. G. Parker, Tiernan, ...	15.00
Interest, .....	5,068.87		\$1,815.00
Town Debt, .....	5,000.00	Selectmen's Notes, .....	8,500.00
Town Park, .....	164.62		338.23
Water for Fire Purposes, .....	3,236.97		905.52
Lincoln Street Sewer, .....	162.80		148.15
Franklin Street, .....	1,200.00		434.32
Enforcement of Law, .....	878.50		
Chapter 298, Acts of 1889, .....			
Pond Street, .....			
Voting Compartments, .....			
Memorial Day, .....	100.00		
Vernon Grove Cemetery, .....	278.15		
Vernon Grove Fence, .....	121.81		
Arranging Town Records, .....	28.00		
Care of Burial Lots, .....	24,281.59		
Schools, .....	5,502.43		
Fire Department, .....	11,880.50	Amount of Last Year's Bills, .....	311.20
Poor Department, .....	697.90		
Town Library, .....			
Totals, .....	\$92,385.46		\$2,572.82
			\$12,141.22

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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It has been customary for the Selectmen to print in their report what seems like an apology for exceeding the appropriations in some, if not in all, of the departments. In our judgment, the *necessity* for this state of things should not continue, as no town can afford to be miserly in granting appropriations with which to carry on the different departments of its government. Therefore we would recommend a reasonably liberal policy for the future. Let each Board having charge of the various departments confine itself to a strict observance of the law relating to such Town appropriations and expenditures.

The appropriations for the year ending February 1, 1890, were in some departments insufficient to meet current expenses; to say nothing of bills that were contracted by former Boards, which we have paid and to which we call your attention on Page 8 of this report. Voters should insist upon sufficient appropriations for current expenses each year hereafter; but in case the amounts in any of the departments should be found inadequate to cover the entire expenses, the bills in excess of the sums appropriated should be approved, but not paid, and reported to the Town at the end of each fiscal year. Thereby the Town will be fully advised, and can act intelligently as to its future needs.

We call the attention of tax-payers to the indebtedness of the Town as set forth in the Treasurer's report. \$65,000 may be termed fixed indebtedness, and \$36,500 may be termed temporary indebtedness. An article has been inserted in the Town warrant, in order that the Town may provide for this temporary debt by borrowing money at a less rate of interest. We recommend that the Town borrow money for the temporary debt, on time notes, payable in whole or in part in 1893, at the time bonds (\$40,000) come due, at which time the Town can issue bonds for the whole amount then payable, probably at a lower rate of interest.

We wish, also, to call the attention and serious consideration of voters to the establishment of a paid police force, as



we believe that money is more wisely expended in striving to prevent the commission of crime, than in the prosecution of the offender after the crime has been committed.

The following receipt was given to the Town by Mead, Mason & Co., which was accepted by the Town, and for some unexplained reason was never recorded. Therefore it is deemed proper to print it in this report so that the Town may in future be more careful in accepting so important a paper, however innocent it may appear. As will be observed, this is only a receipt,—a very unpretentious looking document,—but in fact a very important and one-sided agreement which has cost the Town thousands of dollars, as will be seen on examination of the costs in Memorial Hall suits.

MILFORD, Nov. 30, 1885.

Received of the town of Milford, seven hundred seventy-five dollars in settlement of contract price for building Memorial Hall, Milford, less certain sums deducted by reason of the non-performance of the contract for stone work, according to its terms, through the default of Timothy Shea, as provided by the terms of said contract, *but not hereby waiving our right to recover of said town:—*

1st. The expense of setting the steps of Memorial staircase.

2d. The sum of three hundred dollars deducted from said contract price by reason of a change from Milford granite trimmings to brownstone trimmings.

3d. Any other sum for extra work not included in the contract aforesaid, provided said Timothy Shea shall recover said sums or any part of the same from us *in a suit or suits now pending against us, or hereafter to be brought*, or unless we shall have in some form the benefit of the sum deducted for setting said steps and said three hundred dollars by way of set off or otherwise in settlement with said Timothy Shea.

MEAD, MASON & CO.

## STATEMENT OF COSTS IN MEMORIAL HALL SUITS.

1887.

Kent & Dewey, services . . .	\$167 00
Fred Swasey, " . . .	114 00
S. W. Hayward, summonses and witnesses	10 05
J. T. McLoughlin, expenses at Worcester	2 00
P. P. Field, witnesses and expenses .	32 45

1888.

P. P. Field, expenses and money p'd witnesses	84 00
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H. E. Fales, personal expenses at Worcester in cases Shea vs. Milford, Milford vs. Carpenter, Norcross vs. Milford, Milford vs. Tiernan, and services, including all services during the year in all matters in which the town was interested under the direction of the various boards of officers . . . . .				250 00	
Kent & Dewey, verdict . . . . .				\$365 00	
"      costs . . . . .				311 84—	676 84
"      services . . . . .				89 61	
1889.					
T. Shea, in full settlement . . . . .				500 00	
Mead, Mason & Co., in full settlement . . . . .				1,200 00	
Kent & Dewey, services . . . . .				250 00	
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					\$3,295 95
Credit by verdict Supreme Court against Shea					59 86
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					\$3,236 09

BILLS CONTRACTED PREVIOUS TO FEB. 18, 1889,  
PAID OUT OF THIS YEAR'S APPROPRIATIONS.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Order No.

5	Field Bros., coal for town barn . . . . .	\$ 12 50	
11	Barton F. Cook, labor . . . . .	12 00	
12	A. H. Chapman, repairs, stone crusher . . . . .	1 30	
13	T. C. Eastman & Co., grain . . . . .	16 20	
14	Prentice & Son, grain . . . . .	114 76	
15	Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies . . . . .	7 47	
16	J. J. Grothe, blacksmithing . . . . .	10 40	
17	P. Lynch, supplies . . . . .	2 58	
19	T. N. Ide, blacksmithing . . . . .	8 45	
42	G. C. Buck, supplies . . . . .	3 30	
106	H. E. Morgan, " . . . . .	1 50	
159	A. A. Taft, rent of land, 14 mos. . . . .	70 00	
175	R. C. Hill, posts . . . . .	15 00	
177-8	Oscar Woodbury, supplies . . . . .	17 59	
	Milford Electric L. & P. Co., ashes . . . . .	1 87	
	W. L. Billings, doctoring horses . . . . .	10 00	
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			\$304 92

## INCIDENTALS.

Order No.

1	Kent & Dewey, verdict and costs, Shea cases . . . . .	\$676 84	
3	Field Bros., coal . . . . .	180 00	
5	O. D. Holmes, services, night watchman	10 00	
16	H. C. Snell, services as officer to en- force license law . . . . .	100 00	
21	L. A. Cook, coal for Armory . . . . .	14 88	
22	J. P. Stedman, return of births . . . . .	2 00	
23	M. W. Knight, " " . . . . .	4 00	
24	Mrs. M. A. Carter, " " . . . . .	50	
26	T. G. Kent, legal services . . . . .	305 00	
38	J. Allen Rice, supplies . . . . .	5 35	
112	M. P. Callanan, " . . . . .	50 77	
202	Lydia B. Godfrey, stone ('87 bill) . . . . .	16 50	
	Cyrus Noyes, paint . . . . .	1 50	
		—————	\$1,367 34

BILLS PAID OUT OF INCIDENTAL APPROPRIATION TO SETTLE  
SUITS AGAINST THE TOWN, AND FOR WHICH  
THERE WAS NO APPROPRIATION.

Order No.

2	Timothy Shea, in full settlement	\$ 500 00	
25	Mead, Mason & Co, in full settlement	1200 00	
		—————	\$1,700 00
	Norcross suit . . . . .	\$ 100 00	
	Tiernan suit . . . . .	15 00	
		—————	115 00
	Milford Savings Bank, Selectmen's note	8500 00	
	Milford Savings Bank, interest on Se- lectmen's note . . . . .	289 36	
	Milford Savings Bank, interest on bonds	300 00	
		—————	9,089 36
			—————
			\$12,576 62

BILLS PAID BY TREASURER HAYDEN, FROM FEB.  
18, 1889, DATE OF CLOSING ACCOUNTS LAST  
YEAR, TO MARCH 6, 1889, WHEN THE MONEY,  
BOOKS, ETC., WERE TURNED OVER TO  
TREASURER COOK.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

C. O. Woodbury, orders for labor . . .	\$149 60	
J. D. Shippee, " " . . .	53 40	
J. D. Shippee, services in full as Supt. . .	21 00	
George D. Wellington, supplies . . .	8 48	
Prentice & Son, grain . . .	97 22	
" " " . . .	49 75	
James A. Boyce, blacksmithing . . .	9 53	
	<hr/>	\$ 388 98

INCIDENTALS.

T. G. Kent, legal services and court fees, Shea case . . .	\$ 89 61	
Daily News, advertising . . .	2 25	
Commercial Job Printing Co., printing . .	1 00	
Dr. T. H. Munroe, return of birth . . .	25 .	
P. P. Field, expenses to Boston and Wor- cester . . .	10 00	
Milford & Woonsocket R. R. Co., in full for land . . .	26 47	
Cost Dilla street fire inquest . . .	36 82	
Dr. W. J. Clarke, birth returns . . .	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 171 40

MEMORIAL HALL.

H. B. Thayer, janitor . . .	\$ 25 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 585 36

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

By appropriation . . . . .	\$9,000 00
Cash from labor by department . . . . .	432 07

## Sundries:—

Paid Field Bros., coal, hay, straw and lumber . . . . .	\$ 63 96
P. P. Field, hay and straw	73 28
Z. C. Field, lumber . . . . .	2 88
D. & N. N. Nelson, hay . . . . .	74 70
Geo. Tyler & Co., supplies	10 80
T. C. Eastman & Co., grain	135 94
Eastman & Hobart, grain	243 33
Prentice & Son, grain . . . . .	616 85
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies	347 24
P. Lynch, supplies . . . . .	2 58
Milford Water Co., water	20 00
Farrel Foundry & Machine Co., supplies . . . . .	122 64
Sherborne Bros., express . . . . .	8 54
Geo. A. Sherborne, express and carting . . . . .	2 90
Geo. D. Wellington, supplies	4 63
H. A. Barney, coal . . . . .	39 13
W. L. Billings, freight and supplies . . . . .	47 00
G. E. O'Connor, hay . . . . .	19 50
Walter A. Vant, oil . . . . .	5 20
E. E. Vaughan, supplies . . . . .	13 32
E. B. Taft, hay . . . . .	61 70
Wm. Johnston & Co., team work . . . . .	51 00
John Beatty, hay . . . . .	27 45
Platt & Washburn Refining Co., axle grease . . . . .	2 45
H. W. Clapp & Co., supplies	37 80
L. A. Cook, coal, etc. . . . .	173 53
Cyrus Noyes, painting . . . . .	2 08
John Hilton, straw . . . . .	12 00
Lewis B. Gaskill, hay . . . . .	18 71
B. H. Spaulding, team work	47 70



H. E. Morgan, supplies .	\$ 1 50	
American Spiced Food Co.		
bill . . . . .	8 00	
G. W. Knowlton, pasture for		
horse . . . . .	40 00	
A. T. Macuen, team work .	8 00	
Dwyer Bros., painting .	2 50	
Henry S. Cushman, harness		
supplies . . . . .	61 50	
W. H. Britton, nails .	25	
C. O. Woodbury, supplies	20 34	
James Lally, jr., hay .	51 00	
G. W. Stacy, supplies .	75	
	<hr/>	\$2,482 67

## Repairs:—

Paid Ira N. Ide, blacksmithing	\$31 54	
A. H. Chapman, repairs on		
stone crusher . . . . .	1 30	
J. J. Grothe, blacksmithing	75 48	
T. N. Ide, blacksmithing	162 63	
James A. Boyce, bl'ksmithing	4 76	
Otis Whitney & Son, labor	8 70	
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs .	4 00	
G. C. Buck, repairs harness	10 00	
Cyrus Noyes, bill . . . . .	5 00	
Henry Willard, repairs .	25 22	
D. B. Rockwood, bill .	21 40	
Treasurer Town of Upton,		
repairs on bridge . . . . .	19 01	
L. E. Belknap, bill . . . . .	48 00	
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## Rent:—

Paid C. R. Scott, Town barn	\$300 00	
A. A. Taft, land for crusher		
24 months . . . . .	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$420 00

## Material:—

Paid Laura D. Graves, gravel	\$28 10	
I. N. Crosby, gravel . . . . .	23 20	
Smith Cushman, gravel .	48 08	
Mrs. D. McDevitt, gravel .	23 76	

Appleton Bragg, gravel	. \$ 7 00
T. Sherman, stone	. 10 50
Mrs. S. Wallingford, gravel	12 90
Field Bros., lumber	. 6 88
J. F. Haskell, stone	. 2 50
Norcross Bros., " .	. 8 80
E. B. Taft, gravel .	. 17 60
H. A. Barney, gravel	. 18 80
J. E. Macuen " .	. 11 16
R. C. Hill, posts .	. 15 00
" " .	. 52 50
Milford Electric Light & Power Co., ashes	. 18 87

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\$305 65

## Horses for fire duty:—

Paid Geo. A. Sherborne	. \$31 00
Wm. Johnston & Co.	. 92 75

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\$123 75

## Labor:—

Labor by department	\$5,167 00
Paid Barton F. Cook	. 12 00
C. O. Woodbury .	. 799 92
W. L. Billings, Supt.	. 600 00
Henry Willard .	. 75 00
Patrick Conley .	. 5 00
W. H. Britton .	. 5 40

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\$6,664 32

Exceeded appropriation	. .	\$981 36
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\$10,413 43 \$10,413 43

## INCIDENTALS.

By appropriation	. . . . .	\$5,000 00
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## Memorial Hall:—

Paid Field Bros., coal	. \$360 00
H. B. Thayer, janitor	. 275 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies	21 59
Milford Water Co., water	20 52
Eldredge & Beatty, labor and supplies .	. 2 50
P. Dillon, labor .	. 14 58

T. E. Morse, labor and sup- plies . . . . .	\$95 35	
Addison Aldrich, labor . . . . .	6 15	
H. A. Barney, coal . . . . .	7 50	
L. L. Wheelock, labor . . . . .	8 09	
John Coffey, labor . . . . .	1 40	
Labor, highway department . . . . .	54 00	
C. A. Hoyt, labor . . . . .	3 43	
	<hr/>	\$870 11

Town Hall and Lockup:—

Paid J. Davoren, lockup key, \$ . . . . .	1 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies and labor . . . . .	46 28	
Milford Water Co., water . . . . .	9 00	
F. Cahill, lockup key . . . . .	1 00	
J. Allen Rice, supplies . . . . .	15 30	
Bernard H. Moore, lockup key . . . . .	1 00	
L. L. Wheelock, repairs . . . . .	6 75	
Cyrus Noyes, labor and sup- plies . . . . .	28 62	
L. A. Cook, coal . . . . .	139 55	
M. P. Callanan, groceries . . . . .	50 77	
A. S. Pickering, labor . . . . .	5 00	
Labor, highway department . . . . .	341 75	
W. H. Britton, labor on new steps . . . . .	101 66	
Wm. Hines, cleaning vault . . . . .	8 00	
Mathewson Bros., crackers . . . . .	9 25	
B. H. Montague, supplies, lockup . . . . .	8 33	
B. H. Montague, supplies, Town Hall . . . . .	18 75	
B. H. Montague, salary lockup keeper . . . . .	100 00	
B. H. Montague, janitor . . . . .	200 00	
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By cash received for rent of Town Hall . . . . .	\$241 50
“ “ Lockup . . . . .	169 00
Rent of Court Room due from County . . . . .	600 00

## Sundries:—

Paid O. D. Holmes, serving town warrants, etc.	. \$ 76 00
M. Broderick, services at town meetings . . .	5 00
H. C. Snell, services en- forcing license law . .	100 00
H. C. Snell, services at town meetings . . .	5 00
A. A. Burrell, services as Teller . . .	6 00
S. C. Sumner, services as Teller . . .	15 00
C. A. Sumner, services as Teller . . .	11 00
L. A. Cook, coal for Armory	22 01
J. F. McGuinness, bill . .	32 50
Milford Water Co., water	92 00
Sam'l Hobbs & Co., books	48 37
W. E. Cheney, bill distrib- uting . . .	1 25
J. P. Stedman, M. D., birth returns . . .	2 00
M. W. Knight, M. D., ('88), birth returns . . .	4 00
Mrs. M. A. Carter, birth re- turns . . .	50
Chas. Mackin, M. D., birth returns . . .	18 00
J. J. Duggan, M. D., birth returns . . .	5 00
M. W. Knight, M. D., birth returns . . .	7 00
Dwight Russell, M. D., birth returns . . .	50
C. D. Albro, M. D., birth re- turns . . .	25
F. A. Wilmarth, M. D., birth returns . . .	50
M. W. Edwards, death re- turns . . .	19 00



Wood & Nye, death returns	\$16 75
M. P. Burns, ballot distributor . . . . .	5 00
A. S. Cox, ballot distributor	5 00
C. F. Claffin, license blanks	4 17
J. T. Berrill, material for target . . . . .	26 91
J. Usher, water . . . . .	5 00
Wm. K. Porter, pair of horses . . . . .	650 00
Hapgood & Mayhew, team for Assessors . . . . .	9 00
M. P. Burns, money paid for abating nuisances . . . . .	19 00
J. B. & J. M. Cornell, target for Co. M . . . . .	45 00
E. Murphy, labor . . . . .	1 50
M. P. Burns and 7 others, police duty July 3 & 4 . . . . .	45 00
C. A. Dewey, fire inquest	11 50
W. H. Pyne, services as Teller . . . . .	11 00
A. F. Walker, services as surveyor . . . . .	43 00
J. M. Wood, labor in No. Purchase cemetery . . . . .	6 50
M. O'Connell, right of way through his land . . . . .	5 00
A. J. Sumner, services . . . . .	2 50
S. A. Cook, reimbursement of tax, . . . . .	1 00
The R. H. Smith Mfg. Co., rubber stamps . . . . .	1 43
Geo. A. Sherborne, sprinkling street . . . . .	20 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies	2 20
E. J. Dalton, services as police officer . . . . .	4 50
P. H. Curran, services as Teller . . . . .	6 00
L. Hayden, services as Teller . . . . .	5 00

M. W. Edwards, team for		
Clerks' meeting . . . . .	\$1	50
A. F. Sadler, services as		
Teller . . . . .	5	00
Lydia B. Godfrey and An-		
nie Dewey, stone . . . . .	16	50
Fred Walker, abating nui-		
sance . . . . .	1	00
Henry Hilferty, abating		
nuisance . . . . .	1	00
J. T. McLoughlin, postage		
and express . . . . .	6	92
C. A. Cook, postage and ex-		
press . . . . .	10	96
Cyrus Noyes, paint . . . . .	1	50
John J. McCool, reimburse-		
ment of tax . . . . .	7	75
C. A. Sumner, auditing '86		
and '87 tax books . . . . .	70	00
	<hr/>	\$1,544 97

## Stationery:—

Paid M. R. Warren, vouchers		
and license blanks . . . . .	\$	3 01
C. A. Cook, vouchers . . . . .		70
Geo. H. Jones & Co., book . . . . .	14	00
R. C. Eldredge, pencils . . . . .	1	75
J. T. McLoughlin, paid for		
tally sheets . . . . .	2	00
G. W. Stacy, paper, books,		
etc. . . . .	34	18
G. M. Billings, voting lists . . . . .	25	00
Lyman B. Brooks, check		
book . . . . .	16	25
	<hr/>	\$96 89

## Salaries:—

Paid O. D. Holmes, services		
as night watchman . . . . .	\$129	00
J. A. Taft, Registrar . . . . .	25	00
A. Wheeler, " . . . . .	25	00
James Murray, jr., Regis-		
trar . . . . .	100	00

J. T. McLoughlin, Registrar	. . .	\$100 00
Henry J. Bailey, Registrar		75 00
W. S. V. Cooke, Registrar		75 00
Geo. E. Stacy, Assessor	.	187 50
Lewis Hayden, "	.	178 75
T. J. Connor, "	.	126 25
M. J. Reynolds, collecting taxes	. . .	791 41
C. L. Clark, chairman Overseers of Poor	. . .	325 00
John Smith, Overseer of Poor	. . .	100 00
P. P. O'Donnell, Overseer of Poor	. . .	100 00
Austin Howard, Auditor	.	200 00
J. H. Wood, Town Solicitor	. . .	300 00
C. A. Cook, Town Treasurer	. . .	250 00
J. M. Eaton, M. D., Board of Health	. . .	62 00
Chas. Mackin, M. D., Board of Health	. . .	53 00
M. P. Burns, Board of Health	. . .	118 20
B. H. Montague, Sealer of Weights and Measures	.	20 00
Martin Broderick, patrolman	. . .	237 75
E. J. Dalton, patrolman	.	237 75
John Moore, patrolman	.	231 00
" dog officer	.	10 00
Chas. L. Walker, police duty at post-office	.	46 50
J. T. McLoughlin, collecting, recording, indexing, and returning births, deaths and marriages	. . .	129 05
J. T. McLoughlin, Town Clerk	. . .	100 00

J. T. McLoughlin, Clerk

of Selectmen . . .	\$200 00
C. F. Claflin, Selectman . .	250 00
E. L. Wires, " . .	250 00
A. A. Taft, " . .	250 00

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\$5,283 16

Damage and Law Suits:—

Paid Kent and Dewey, legal

services . . .	\$981 84
Timothy Shea, in full settlement . . .	500 00
Mead, Mason & Co., in full settlement . . .	1,200 00
H. E. Fales, services Norcross suit . . .	100 00
G. G. Parker, Tiernan suit . .	15 00

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\$2,796 84

Rent:—

By cash from state, Armory rent . . .	\$300 00
Paid C. R. Scott, Armory rent ! . .	\$306 25

Printing:—

Paid Cook & Sons, printing

and advertising . . .	\$175 38
G. M. Billings, town reports . . .	155 00
G. M. Billings, printing and advertising . . .	70 38
Times Publishing Co., printing and advertising . .	63 50
Mann & Leahy, advertising . .	83 75
Leahy Bros., advertising . .	17 25
F. E. Day, printing . .	1 50

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\$566 76

Exceeded appropriation . . .	\$6,246 49
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\$12,556 99    \$12,556 99

### GAS AND STREET LIGHTS.

By appropriation . . .	\$4,400 00
Paid Milford Elec. L. & P. Co., lights . .	\$3,303 89
Milford Gas Light Co., gas . .	710 38



Globe Gas Light Co., gasoline	.	\$644	22	
Maurice Foley, labor	.	1	50	
Milford Gas Light Co., supplies	.	2	76	
Globe Gas Light Co., supplies	.	5	06	
Exceeded appropriation	.	.	.	267 81
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		\$4,667	81	\$4,667 81

## SIDEWALKS.

By appropriation . . . \$1,000 00

Labor :—

Paid Highway Department, labor . \$ 355 13

Curbing :—

Timothy Shea, curbing . . 507 44

John Cuddihy, curbing . . 283 95

Concrete :—

F. M. Ballou & Co., concrete work 2,322 83

By betterments collected and paid

Treasurer, viz :—

I. R. Spaulding, ('88) \$ 88 38

Horace Walker . . 33 18

E. A. Thomas . . 40 61

Geo. Beatty . . 93 61

Heirs Jon. Bradford . . 28 49

Daniel B. Washburn . . 34 34

Wm. H. Bourne . . 31 10

Mahala Putnam . . 14 17

Laura S. Cheney . . 10 60

Parthena Crockett . . 10 16

I. N. Davis . . 12 16

Hannah M. Carpenter . . 22 00

Rufus A. Taft . . 8 30

Alfred B. Coffin . . 8 12

John Collins . . 13 00

John W. Annette . . 14 42

Eleanor V. Paine . . 12 66

C. A. Dewey . . 24 50

Amelia C. Hawes . . 12 08

Frank W. Morse . . 13 33

Patrick Maher . . 7 50

C. F. Claflin, trustee . . 24 83

Milford Land Co.	.	\$24 18
John Kirby	.	7 50
Luthera A. Johnson	.	8 00
Angeline Skillings	.	28 60
Michael J. Casey	.	8 00
Owen Waters	.	8 00
Daniel J. Cronan	.	20 78
Rev. Patrick Cuddihy	.	78 43
Lydia Godfrey and Annie Dewey	.	36 00
S. A. Cook	.	75
Mary Eames	.	17 47
Patrick Gillon	.	20 30

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\$815 71

By betterments uncollected, viz :—

Alonzo C. Rounds	.	\$20 25
Lysander Grow	.	18 83
Calvin J. Fiske	.	7 36
John W. Eldridge	.	20 75
Mary Broughey	.	6 00
Edward J. Roach	.	8 00
Stephen Sweet	.	17 75
John Barrett	.	11 50
Thomas Jago	.	8 50
D. H. Ritinger	.	4 50
Johannah Lyons	.	8 50
Charles River Shoe Factory	.	23 30
Albert G. Forsman	.	45 95

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\$201 19

Exceeded appropriation

1,452 45

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\$3,469 35

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\$3,469 35

## MILITARY AID.

By appropriations	.	600 00
Aid Paid various persons	.	1,706 00
By $\frac{1}{2}$ amount paid bill from the state	.	853 00
Exceeded appropriation	.	253 00
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		\$1,706 00
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		\$1,706 00

## STATE AID.

Aid Paid various persons . . .	\$4,447 00	
By amount paid due from the state . . .		\$4,447 00

## INTEREST.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$4,500 00
Paid Milford Savings Bank . . .	4,758 23	
National Hide & Leather Bank . .	900 00	
Exceeded appropriation . . . . .		1,158 23
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	\$5,658 23	\$5,658 23

## TOWN DEBT.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$5,000 00
Paid Milford Savings Bank Mem. Hall note	5,000 00	
“ “ Selectmen's note	8,500 00	
Exceeded appropriation . . . . .		\$8,500 00
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	\$13,500 00	\$13,500 00

## TOWN PARK.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$ 200 00
Addison Aldrich labor . . .	\$ 30 32	
Hugh Smith “ . . .	15 02	
Thomas Hickey “ . . .	24 21	
J. F. Haskell “ . . .	17 40	
N. K. Sprague “ . . .	24 60	
William Coffee “ . . .	3 50	
John Coffee “ . . .	1 60	
A. S. Allen, police duty . . .	14 00	
J. J. Grothe, iron work . . .	5 41	
Field Bros., lumber . . .	13 73	
T. E. Morse, painting . . .	11 20	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies . .	3 63	
Balance unexpended . . . . .	35 38	
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	\$ 200 00	\$ 200 00

## WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation : . . . . .	\$3,300 00
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Paid Milford Water Co., water	.	\$3,236 97	
Balance unexpended	.	63 03	
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		\$3,300 00	\$3,300 00

## LINCOLN STREET SEWER.

By appropriation.	.	.	\$ 100 00
Paid highway department, labor	.	162 80	
Exceeded appropriation	.		62 80
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		\$ 162 80	\$ 162 80

## FRANKLIN STREET.

By appropriation.	.	.	\$ 500 00
Paid highway department, labor	.	231 20	
David Ahern,	"	31 50	
L. R. Hazard, repairs	.	25 00	
W. H. Britton, labor	.	42 63	
Milford Water Co., hydrant repairs	.	6 61	
Z. C. Field, lumber	.	1 29	
Balance unexpended	.	161 77	
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		\$ 500 00	\$ 500 00

## ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

By appropriation.	.	.	\$ 1,500 00
Paid A. A. Jenkins, services	.	900 00	
H. C. Snell,	"	300 00	
Balance unexpended	.	300 00	
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		\$ 1,500 00	\$ 1,500 00

## AID UNDER CHAP. 298, ACTS OF 1889.

By appropriation	.	\$500 00
Aid paid various persons	.	\$ 878 50
Exceeded appropriation	.	378 50
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		\$878 50

## POND STREET.

By appropriation	.	\$1,000 00
Paid W. H. Britton, labor	.	18 10



Highway department, labor . . . . .	\$112 45	
David Ahearn, labor . . . . .	20 25	
John Cuddihy, curbing . . . . .	132 25	
T. N. Sherman & Co., labor, contract . . . . .	613 75	
Z. C. Field, lumber . . . . .	8 72	
Balance unexpended . . . . .	94 48	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

## VOTING COMPARTMENTS.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$200 00
Paid W. H. Briton, labor as per contract . . . . .	148 15	
Balance unexpended . . . . .	51 85	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

## MEMORIAL DAY.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$100 00
Paid B. H. Montague for Post 22, G. A. R. . . . .	\$100 00	

## VERNON GROVE CEMETERY.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$100 00
Paid H. C. Skinner . . . . .	\$100 00	

## VERNON GROVE CEMETERY FENCE.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$600 00
Paid W. H. Britton, labor . . . . .	\$390 00	
Milford Gas Light Co., tar . . . . .	10 50	
R. C. Hill, plank . . . . .	48 82	
By cash, old fence sold . . . . .		\$15 00
Balance unexpended . . . . .	165 68	
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	\$615 00	\$615 00

## ARRANGING TOWN RECORDS.

By appropriation . . . . .		\$250 00
Paid Times Publishing Co., printing . . . . .	\$ 3 25	
J. F. Hickey, tape . . . . .	1 56	
Henry Willard, moving safe . . . . .	75	
Samuel Hobbs & Co., supplies . . . . .	11 25	
Geo. H. Jones & Co., re-binding records . . . . .	30 00	
J. T. McLoughlin, for labor . . . . .	75 00	
Balance unexpended . . . . .	128 19	
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	\$250 00	\$250 00

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL  
LOTS, AND WHICH THE TOWN OWES.

	One year's interest on the several Burial Lots.	Amount expended on each lot during the year as follows:—	Balance of interest due on each lot for the year 1889.
Mrs. Theron Holbrook, \$100	Holbrook, \$6	Henry Hancock, \$2 00	Holbrook, \$21 17
Mrs. Obadiah Albee, 100	Albee, 6	" 2 00	Albee, 22 17
Wm. B. Dyer, 150	Dyer, 9	" 5 00	Dyer, 24 50
Henry S. Dean, 100	Dean, 6	" 3 00	Dean, 7 17
Abigail H. Adams, 100	Adams, 6	Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation, 6 00	Adams, 7 17
Mary H. Buck, 50	Buck, 3	Henry Hancock, 4 00	Buck, 4 17
D. C. Mowry, 150	Mowry, 9	Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation, 6 00	Mowry, 3 00
<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$45</u>	<u>\$28 00</u>	<u>\$89 35</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. CLAFLIN,  
E. L. WIRES,  
A. A. TAFT,  
Selectmen of Milford.

I have examined the books of the Selectmen and Highway Surveyors, and find receipted bills for each order drawn on account of Highways, Incidentals, Gas and Street Lights, Sidewalks, Memorial Day, Military Aid, Interest, Town Debt, Town Park, Water for Fire Purposes, Vernon Grove, Lincoln Street, Franklin Street, Enforcement of Law, Aid Chap. 298, Pond Street, Arranging Town Records, Care Burial Lots, Voting Compartments, etc.; they compare exactly with the books and vouchers of the Town Treasurer. The above report is in accord therewith. I therefore audit and pronounce same correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.

Milford, Feb. 19, 1890.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Town appropriations	.	.	.	.	\$72,550 00
State tax	.	.	.	.	5,020 00
County tax	.	.	.	.	3,320 00
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					\$80,890 00

### VALUATION.

Real estate	.	.	.	.	\$3,807,512 00
Personal	.	.	.	.	1,036,899 00
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					\$4,844,411 00
Town, County and State assessment	.	.	.	.	\$80,890 00
Tax on Collector's book, not including non-res-					
ident bank tax	.	.	.	.	80,217 66
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Underlying	.	.	.	.	\$672 34
Tax on Collector's book	.	.	.	.	\$80,217 66
Tax on valuation and polls, including \$3.70 ordered					
by Board of Health	.	.	.	.	80,215 07
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Collector's book overruns	.	.	.	.	\$2 59
Non-resident bank tax	.	.	.	.	\$4,436 02
Tax rate, \$15.50 per \$1000.					
Number of polls (male) 2561.					
“ (female) 2.					

GEORGE E STACY,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
LEWIS HAYDEN,

Assessors of Milford.



# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

## 1886.—Dr.

Amount uncollected	.	.	.	.	.	\$403 32
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### Cr.

Paid C. A. Cook, Treasurer	.	.	.	\$106 20	
Uncollected	.	.	.	297 12	
				<u>          </u>	\$403 32

## 1887.—Dr.

Amount uncollected	.	.	.	\$2,030 28	
Interest	.	.	.	95 11	
				<u>          </u>	\$2,125 39

### Cr.

Paid C. A. Cook, Treasurer	.	.	.	\$ 978 09	
Abatements	.	.	.	2 25	
Uncollected	.	.	.	1,145 05	
				<u>          </u>	\$2,125 39

## 1888.—Dr.

Amount uncollected	.	.	.	\$7,190 62	
Re-assessed	.	.	.	32 22	
Interest	.	.	.	178 63	
				<u>          </u>	\$7,401 47

### Cr.

Paid C. A. Cook, Treasurer	.	.	.	\$4,936 01	
Abatements	.	.	.	489 68	
Uncollected	.	.	.	1,975 78	
				<u>          </u>	\$7,401 47

## 1889.—Dr.

Total amount taxes committed	.	.	.	\$84,653 68	
Interest	.	.	.	70 03	
Re-assessed	.	.	.	110 67	
				<u>          </u>	\$84,834 38

### Cr.

Paid C. A. Cook, Treasurer	.	.	.	\$76,595 00	
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Discount (on collections to Sept. 15, '89)	\$2,106 01
Abatements . . . . .	232 08
Uncollected . . . . .	5,901 29
	<hr/> \$84,834 38

M. J. REYNOLDS, Collector.

Milford, Feb. 15, 1890.

I have examined the accounts of M. J. Reynolds, Collector of Taxes, and find the several amounts committed, interest, re-assessed, discounts, abatements, and uncollected balances, as above shown, to be correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.

#### SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

DR.

Total amount committed . . . . .	\$625 02
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Paid C. A. Cook, Treasurer . . . . .	\$445 60
Abatements . . . . .	3 88
Cash on hand . . . . .	20 30
Uncollected . . . . .	155 24
	<hr/> \$625 02

M. J. REYNOLDS, Collector.

Milford, Feb. 19, 1890.

The accounts of the Collector of Sidewalk Taxes have been examined by me, and the balance as here shown is correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

LEWIS HAYDEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF MILFORD, MASS.

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LEWIS HAYDEN, Treasurer.

CLIFFORD A. COOK, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF MILFORD, MASS.

To amount received, viz:—			By amounts paid, viz:—	
Lewis Hayden	.		Highway	.
Liquor Licenses:—		\$514 01	Incidentals	.
Alfred Goucher.	.	\$1,400	Schools	.
James H. Mathews	.	1,400	Poor	.
Patrick Gillon	.	1,200	Fire	.
Lewis R. Hazard	.	1,200	Street lights	.
Bryan Manion	.	1,100	Sidewalks	.
Thomas Kelly	.	1,100	Town Park	.
Patrick Gillon	.	1,100	Library	.
James F. Stratton	.	1,100	Interest	.
Joseph Woods	.	1,100	Water, fire purposes	.
J. Allen Rice	.	1	Memorial Day	.
Henry E. Morgan	.	1	Vernon Grove Cemetery	.
Albert H. Sweet	.	1	Vernon Grove Cemetery fence	.
Arthur B. Morse	.	1	Franklin street	.
Patrick J. Donohoe	.	1	Enforcement of the law	.
Lucian A. Lamson	.	1	Lincoln street sewer	.
Fred H. Clark	.	1	Voting compartments	.
Pool and Billiard Table Licenses:—		—\$10,707 00	Pond street	.
Thomas Kelly	.	\$2	Arranging Town records,	.
			Care of burial lots	.
				\$10,413 43
				12,556 99
				24,281 59
				11,880 50
				5,813 63
				4,667 81
				3,469 35
				164 62
				697 90
				5,658 23
				3,236 97
				100 00
				100 00
				449 32
				338 23
				1,200 00
				162 80
				148 15
				905 52
				121 81
				28 00



# TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Alfred Goucher . . .	\$2	State Aid, Chap. 252 . . .	\$1,706 00
Wm. A. Pond . . .	2	State Aid, Chap. 301 . . .	4,447 00
James H. Mathews . . .	2	Aid, Chap. 438, 1888, and Chap. 298, 1889	878 50
Chas. H. Gillon . . .	2	County tax . . .	3,320 00
Edward McGowan . . .	2	State tax . . .	5,020 00
	—	One fourth of liquor licenses to state . . .	2,676 50
Auctioneer Licenses:—		National Bank tax, 1888 . . .	8 35
Willard H. Gordon . . .	\$2	National Bank tax, 1889 . . .	4,304 74
Joseph H. Wood . . .	2	Town debt . . .	13,500 00
Michael W. Edwards . . .	2	Borrowed money by vote of town Mar. 4, '89, 15,000 00	
Thomas F. Davoren . . .	2	“ “ “ Apr. 29, '89, 30,000 00	
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Miscellaneous Licenses:—			
Music Hall Co. . .	\$29 00		
J. C. Rockwell show . . .	30 00		
Bristol & Co., circus . . .	15 00		
Robbins' circus . . .	20 00		
Paper King . . .	2 00		
Salvatore Russo, pedlar . . .	15 00		
John T. McLoughlin, oleomargarine . . .	50		
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	\$111 50		

## State Treasurer:—

Corporation tax, 1888 . . .	\$ 211 87
Corporation tax, 1889 . . .	3,160 43
National Bank tax, 1889 . . .	510 15
Armory rent, . . .	300 00
State Aid, Chap. 252 . . .	824 00
State Aid, Chap. 301 . . .	4,104 25
Massachusetts school fund . . .	56 69
State paupers, temporary support	117 33
“ support . . .	5 00
“ burial . . .	20 00
	<u>\$9,309 72</u>

## County Treasurer:—

Dog tax . . .	\$767 92
Collector M. J. Reynolds:—	
Taxes, 1886 . . .	\$ 106 20
“ 1887 . . .	978 09
“ 1888 . . .	4,936 01
“ 1889 . . .	76,595 00
	<u>\$82,615 30</u>

## Sidewalk Taxes:—

M. J. Reynolds, collector . . .	\$445 60
Horace Walker . . .	33 18
Edwin A. Thomas . . .	40 61

## TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

George Beatty . . .	\$ 93 71	
Heirs of J. Bradford . . .	28 49	
Daniel B. Washburn . . .	34 34	
William H. Bourne . . .	31 10	
Isaiah R. Spaulding . . .	88 38	
		\$795 41
Rents:—		
F. L. Holmes & Co., land to Aug., 1889 . . .	\$ 17 00	
Post 22, G. A. R., hall and heating to Jan. 1, 1890 . . .	76 00	
Town Hall, to Feb. 1, 1890, Lockup to Feb. 1, 1890, . . .	241 50 169 00	
		\$503 50
Town Histories:—		
12 copies sold . . .	\$23 00	
J. H. Putnam, History acc't . . .	47 55	
		\$70 55
Highway Department:—		
W. L. Billings . . .	\$397 07	
C. O. Woodbury . . .	5 00	

Town Park commissioners	\$ 30 00	\$432 07
Fire Department:—		
M. J. Buckley, Treas.	\$19 24	
City Auditor, Boston	42 24	\$61 48
Poor Department:—		
City Auditor, Boston	.	\$76 52
School Department:—		
S. F. Blodgett	.	\$37 92
Lockup keys sold	.	4 00
Publishing applications for liquor licenses		16 00
W. H. Britton, plank	.	20 20
David Ahern, turf	.	2 00
C. F. Clafin, sale of old fence	\$15 00	
“ “ lumber	1 00	\$16 00
Borrowed money by vote of town Mar. 4, '89	15,000 00	
“ “ “ Apr. 29, '89	38,500 00	
“ “ Selectmen's et al. note	8,000 00	
		<u>\$325 16</u>
		<u>\$167,581 10</u>



# TOWN DEBT.

Bonds.	Town of Milford, 5's, 15 years, due Nov. 1, 1893	.	.	\$40,000 00
	Town of Milford, 6's, 30 years, due Aug. 10, 1897	.	.	25,000 00
Notes.	Treasurer's (Memorial Hall), 4½, dated Oct. 30, 1883, to Milford Savings Bank,			
	on demand	.	.	10,000 00
	Treasurer's, 5, dated Nov. 15, 1888, to Milford Savings Bank, on demand,	.	.	5,000 00
	Treasurer's, 5, dated Dec. 8, 1888, to Milford Savings Bank, on demand,	.	.	5,000 00
	Treasurer's, 4½, dated Dec. 7, 1889, to Milford Savings Bank, on demand,	.	.	3,000 00
	Treasurer's, 4½, dated Dec. 20, 1889, to Milford Savings Bank, on demand,	.	.	3,000 00
	Treasurer's, 4½, dated Jan. 17, 1890, to Milford Savings Bank, on demand,	.	.	2,500 00
	Selectmen et al, 5, dated Feb. 4, 1890, to Milford Savings Bank, due June 4, 1890,			8,000 00
				<hr/> \$101,500 00

CLIFFORD A. COOK, Treasurer.

The accounts of C. A. Cook, Treasurer, have been duly examined by me, proper vouchers have been shown for expenditures, and the balance as here given is correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.

# TOWN HISTORY ACCOUNT.

I herewith submit the final account of J. H. Putnam, Agent of the Town History Publishing Committee, in settlement with the Town of Milford:—

To 330 Histories received as inventoried,	\$1,556 00	By cash paid Adin Ballou for Histories sold	\$1,254 75
		Histories to Adin Ballou, as inventoried	23 00
		Cash paid Adin Ballou on account of History sold to A. Bragg . . .	4 00
		Commission on 316 Histories sold, 50c each,	158 00
		9 Histories delivered to C. A. Cook, Town Treasurer, as inventoried . . .	54 50
		Discount to dealers on 21 copies . . .	5 25
		Postage as per bill rendered . . .	8 95
		Cash paid C. A. Cook, Town Treasurer . . .	47 55
	<u>\$1,556 00</u>		<u>\$1,556 00</u>

The following is an inventory of Histories received by C. A. Cook, Town Treasurer:—  
 From Lewis Hayden, 253 unbound copies.

“ 3 bound copies, selling price, per vote of Town, \$2 each.

J. H. Putnam, Agent Town History Publishing Committee:—

8 bound copies, selling price, per vote of Town, \$2 each. 1 bound copy, selling price, per vote of Town, \$1 each.

It will be seen by the above report that all bound copies have been sold. There still remains unsold 253 unbound copies. It is respectfully suggested that a price be fixed on these, as there has been a demand for same.

CLIFFORD A. COOK, Treasurer.

## Report of the Board of Health.

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The Board of Health have to report that nuisances to the number of over one hundred have been investigated and abated during the year past. They have been generally of small extent, and the orders of this Board for abatement have generally been willingly complied with. This is a noticeable improvement over former, particularly last year, when the machinery of the law had to be frequently applied, and when over thirty dollars were expended for writs and sheriff's fees alone, while this year none were needed.

During the year past contagious and infectious diseases have been very limited in number of cases, and of a very mild type in our town generally, but during the last two months, in common with the rest of the world, we have suffered severely from the all-pervading epidemic influenza. It is a matter of congratulation, however, that the death rate from this disease and its complications was quite light here compared with most of our neighboring towns and cities.

Malarial diseases still continue quite prevalent during the warmer portions of the year, though their violence seems to be somewhat diminishing, as compared with former years.

The matter of the open outlet of the sewer near the head of Pond street and the uncovered brook into which it empties its filth, has been called to the attention of the townspeople for years in the reports of this Board, without any effect in abating this great nuisance. That this is a very considerable cause of disease to the town cannot be doubted when we consider that there is no prevention to the sewer gases permeating and poisoning the air, or of the filth dissolved in the water penetrating the neighboring soil. It is to be hoped that ere long a system of sewerage will be undertaken that will abolish this great, as well as many minor, nuisances.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHAS. MACKIN,  
JNO. M. EATON,  
M. P. BURNS,

Board of Health.

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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## EXPENSE AT THE FARM.

Salary of Superintendent	.	.	.	\$650 00
Grain	.	.	.	459 65
Labor	.	.	.	433 50
Flour .	.	.	.	278 35
Meat .	.	.	.	277 66
Butter	.	.	.	266 99
Dry goods	.	.	.	196 04
Coal .	.	.	.	181 52
Horse	.	.	.	166 57
Clothing	.	.	.	145 27
Salt fish	.	.	.	138 50
Boots and shoes	.	.	.	129 50
Sugar	.	.	.	119 17
Hardware and farming tools	.	.	.	116 64
Lumber	.	.	.	109 18
Cows .	.	.	.	105 00
Fresh fish	.	.	.	96 04
Medicine	.	.	.	91 88
Phosphate, lime and plaster .	.	.	.	80 25
Tea .	.	.	.	73 13
Baker's bread and crackers	.	.	.	71 24
Molasses	.	.	.	66 91
Burials	.	.	.	52 35
Medical attendance	.	.	.	50 00
Tobacco	.	.	.	47 50
Small groceries and spices	.	.	.	41 58
Wheelwrighting new wheels and repairs	.	.	.	38 40
Carpenter work	.	.	.	33 90
Horse shoeing and jobbing	.	.	.	32 27
Seed potatoes	.	.	.	28 35
Harness	.	.	.	28 00



Small bills paid during the year by G.D.Rhodes	\$27 19
Furniture and crockery . . . . .	23 65
Soft soap . . . . .	27 50
Hard soap . . . . .	21 50
Beans . . . . .	20 75
Cart and harness . . . . .	20 00
Oil . . . . .	15 63
Bull . . . . .	15 00
Painters' supplies . . . . .	12 44
Boar . . . . .	12 00
Sawing and grinding at Fisk's mills . . . . .	11 67
Repairing harnesses . . . . .	11 47
Salt . . . . .	11 18
Pasturing heifers . . . . .	11 00
Team work . . . . .	9 00
Dress cutting . . . . .	7 85
Cheese . . . . .	6 98
Ox shoeing . . . . .	6 00
Lard . . . . .	5 63
Root cutter . . . . .	4 50
Repairing sewing machine . . . . .	4 15
Horse blankets . . . . .	4 00
Brooms and mop handles . . . . .	4 00
Extracting teeth . . . . .	3 75
Coffee . . . . .	3 63
Lemons . . . . .	2 83
Stationery . . . . .	2 80
Cider barrels . . . . .	2 75
Basket, pail and wash tub . . . . .	2 74
Cider making . . . . .	2 67
Milford Gazette to Jan. 1, 1890 . . . . .	1 90
Matches . . . . .	1 80
	<hr/> \$4,923 30

## INCOME AT THE FARM.

Milk . . . . .	\$1,045 50
Pigs . . . . .	180 00
Use of bull . . . . .	17 00
Calves . . . . .	12 00
Pie plant . . . . .	5 65
Use of boar . . . . .	5 00

Apples	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 4 80
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	3 85
Green peas	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
Squashes	.	.	.	.	.	1 33
Ice	.	.	.	.	.	1 25
Cider	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
						<hr/> \$1,280 88

## INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Michael Coy,	72	52	Thomas Hughes,	67	52
James Boland,	77	48	Patrick Conway,	65	24
Mary O'Connell,	50	52	Bridget McGovern,	72	52
James Ahern,	73	52	James Murray,	6	52
Bridget Caine,	85	52	Jonathan Onion,	86	47
John Cook,	51	52	Johanna O'Hare,	61	48
Arthur O'Keeffe,	50	52	Wm. J. Blanchard,	67	52
Daniel McCarthy,	64	52	William H. Gabbrie,	2	43
Lydia Ann Parkhurst,	50	52	William Mulcahey,	40	22
Prudence Burrell,	78	52	John Batchelder,	43	10
John Flynn,	36	52	Catherine Ahern,	59	31
Elizabeth Gabbrie,	28	43	Matilda Lovelette,	17	20
Frank Sergerson,	78	52	Sarah Blanchard,	59	50
Mary Sergerson,	76	52	Bridget Sweeney,	74	52
Patrick Cunniff,	77	52	Mary A. Johnson,	37	52
Ellen Middleton,	50	52	Ernest R. Johnson,	10	35
Mary E. Middleton,	14	52	Gertrude L. Johnson,	3	52
George Middleton,	12	52	Josephine Lovelette,	1	16
James McCormick,	74	52	Daniel Griffin,	37	11
Dennis Pyne,	50	52	Michael F. Cain,	20	12
Orra W. Cheney,	29	15	Sarah A. Cain,	22	18
Johanna McCarthy,	73	52	Bertha Cain,	1	18
Joseph Cain,	15	9	Frank Sireack,	14	32
Frederick Cain,	12	19	Joseph Sireack,	7	25
Fred H. Tillottson,	10	8	Emily Sireack,	6	25
Delia Delaney,	26	23	Charles A. Lewis,	53	3 days
Rosella Delaney,	3	23	Nicholas Frasier,	46	3 days
George C. Warren,	46	11	John Fitzsimmons,	27	10
Charles White,	39	45	Michael McCarthy,	70	42
Mary Flagg,	67	52	Mary Beaty,	70	2
John Wallace,	67	15	Honora O'Connor,	42	3

Edward McCullum,	78	52	Celia McDermott,	21	3
Catherine Wallace,	57	25	Patrick Ward,	76	21
Michael Connors,	67	25	William O'Rourke,	50	1

Net expense at the farm . . . \$3,642 42

Appraisal of Town Farm \$4,600, Interest 270 00

“ personal property \$3,691.20, Int. 221 47

————— \$4,133 89

Whole number admitted during the year . . . 68

Average number . . . . . 45

Average weekly cost of each person . . . \$1 77

There have been five deaths at the Almshouse during the year, as follows :—

	Age
May 22, 1889, Josephine Lovelette, Marasmus	9 months
July 21, Honora O'Connor, Meningitis .	43 years
July 22, Michael Connors, Dysentery .	67 “
Dec. 25, Jonathan Onion, Pneumonia .	86 “
Jan. 5, 1890, James Boland, Heart Failure .	77 “

#### PERSONS RECEIVING AID IN MILFORD AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Thos. Barry (children), \$	99 65	Michael Hageney,	\$ 39 75
Mrs. Wm. Brenn,	16 00	Mrs. Howard Holland,	56 80
Patrick Butler,	67 65	Thomas F. Hayes,	54 10
James Boland,	20 14	Lucretia Hayward,	27 86
Jane Burns,	49 75	Mrs. Thomas Hanigan,	3 70
Mrs. Patrick Burns,	53 55	Mary Hildreth,	52 50
“ James Boland,	3 38	Owen O'Hare,	15 00
Benjamin Cottrell,	6 74	Mrs. Bernard King,	46 50
John Collins,	59 30	“ Thomas Lyons,	83 90
Mrs. Mary Coy,	84 00	“ Charles Murphy,	82 50
“ John Cain,	19 25	“ Edward Murphy,	41 00
“ Timothy Carey,	132 35	“ William Murphy,	109 25
“ Charles Cooper,	179 68	“ Bridget Minon,	16 50
“ Peter Collins,	70 03	Thomas Mullen (child'n),	42 00
Isaac L. Claflin,	11 50	Mrs. James Murray,	7 88
Michael Callanan,	111 48	Kate McDermott,	82 00
James Comee, (children)	146 00	Nancy McCool,	126 00
Sarah Cain,	38 00	Patrick McGrath,	5 90
Mrs. Patrick Cloonan,	28 50	Patrick McQuaid,	85 88
James Coffey,	12 50	Edward McKenna,	100 70
Margaret Cronan for 1888,	7 00	Mrs. Patrick Manion,	103 68



Orra Cheney,	\$ 1 00	Mrs. John Nugent,	\$ 60 25
Winnefred Casey for 1888,	2 40	“ Patrick Nugent,	82 70
John Carroll, State,	1 50	Martin O’Mealy,	104 90
Mrs. David Doyle,	107 09	James O’Regan,	116 35
“ William Dacy,	42 18	Honora O’Connor,	44 35
John Daley, 1888	1 50	Mrs. Charles H. Peterson,	44 50
John Delman,	59 45	Thomas Powers,	2 00
Michael Dunn,	5 00	Mrs. Mary Quinlan,	40 79
Melissa Daniels,	6 00	“ Michael Quirk,	48 87
John Dillon,	30 50	“ Dennis Ryan,	73 73
Thomas Finn,	52 29	Michael B. Ryan,	13 58
Mrs. William Fahy,	86 55	Hugh Smith,	24 59
William Fitzgerald,	118 04	Alfred P. Remick,	19 25
John Fay,	20 78	Moses Smith,	1 90
Mrs. Albert L. Fletcher,	82 84	Mrs. William Tracey,	124 00
Ellen A. Guild,	78 00	Laura Tucker,	76 65
Mrs. Andrew Gilroy,	128 97	Jeremiah Tinan,	12 23
John J. Grant,	113 60	Joseph Timmins,	16 38
Nellie Gannon,	9 25	Mrs. Margaret Welch,	4 50
Laughlin Gahagan, Med-		Medical attendance for	
icine bill 1887,	68 00	the above,	100 00
Mrs. George Gabbrie,	2 00		
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			\$4,428 31

PERSONS BELONGING TO MILFORD AIDED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. James Ahern, Natick	.	.	.	\$ 61 25
John A. Boyd, Worcester	.	.	.	27 55
Patrick Boyle, Boston	.	.	.	71 08
Alvin Collins, Medway	.	.	.	78 00
Martin Coppinger, City Hospital,			Worcester	35 20
George Curry,	.	“	Boston	27 00
John Doherty, Spencer	.	.	.	108 26
Mary Fitzgerald, Boston	.	.	.	73 28
Mrs. Annie Fay, Lynn	.	.	.	110 00
Alexander Fanning, Spencer	.	.	.	29 20
Patrick Gilbride, Worcester	.	.	.	23 66
Alton Handley, Natick	.	.	.	6 00
To be paid back, Northbridge	.	.	.	54 00
John F. Moore, Hopedale	.	.	.	84 25
Charles J. Moore, Worcester	.	.	.	18 03
James Murphy, Marlboro	.	.	.	143 16



Thomas Murphy, Marlboro . . .	\$ 37 00
Mahann Children, Boston . . .	39 50
Michael McGee, Worcester . . .	20 75
Michael McCarthy, Spencer . . .	5 05
Sarah O'Brien, Worcester . . .	1 55
Patrick Quinn, City Hospital, Lowell . . .	47 84
Edward Sireack, Holliston . . .	45 17
Charles R. Saunders, City Hospital, Worcester . . .	30 00
Mrs. James Small, Medway . . .	162 50
“ Johanna Slattery, Hopkinton . . .	95 75
“ Daniel Shea, Hopkinton . . .	52 00
“ Edgar P. Smith, Hanover . . .	12 50
“ Sarah Tiernan, Worcester . . .	5 55
“ Mary White, Franklin . . .	111 00
	<hr/> \$1,616 08

PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS AIDED IN MILFORD.

George W. Brown, Uxbridge . . .	\$ 71 29
John Clancy (Children), Upton . . .	107 03
Maria A. Claire, Brookline . . .	64 48
Richard Carey, Boston . . .	76 52
John Cullen, Medway . . .	10 70
Hannah K. Thompson (Cox), Uxbridge . . .	8 25
Mrs. Jerry Daley, Northbridge . . .	2 29
“ Francis Finn, Holliston . . .	101 00
“ Timothy Murphy, Natick . . .	38 35
Charles H. Snowling, Northbridge . . .	85 78
Lucy A. Tibbetts, Abington. . .	130 00
Mrs. Isaac E. Welch, Holliston . . .	23 00
Jacob Jackson, Franklin . . .	37 50
	<hr/> \$756 19

INSANE.

Margaret Bradley, \$169 46	Mary McGurren, 45 97
Henry Cain, 169 46	John Nugent, 177 63
Caroline Coughlin, 216 65	Abbott L. Perry, 82 18
Mary Connell, 169 46	Maria Ripley, 169 47
Mary Cleveland, 169 46	James Sullivan, 169 46
Hannah H. Davis, 107 79	Effie M. Brooks, 18 57
Charles H. Dunham, 169 46	Lucretia Hayward, 35 32
Jane Doyle, 54 25	
Peter Corrigan, 52 46	
	<hr/> \$1,977 05

## STATE POOR.

Crohen Connell,	\$20 35	William Harty,	\$ 101 75
Celia McDermott,	14 18	Michael Murphy,	25 50
Charles Davis,	2 60	Mrs. David McIntosh,	26 76
Charles M. Emory,	17 00	“ John Paul,	1 77
John Gillis,	2 00		
Thomas F. Hynes,	28 35		\$242 26
Catherine E. Linthlap,	2 00		
Care of 826 Tramps .	.	.	\$29 20

## INCIDENTALS.

Printing orders, notices, etc.	.	.	6 55
Books and stationery	.	.	4 61
Postage stamps, cards and envelopes	.	.	5 10
Expense looking up unsettled cases	.	.	11 00
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			\$27 26
Cash on hand	.	.	\$19 56

## RECEIPTS.

Orders drawn on C. A. Cook, Treasurer	\$11,880 50
Less State and City of Boston money in hands of Treasurer	218 85
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Amount drawn from the Treasurer	11,661 65
Income at the farm	1,280 88
State	142 33
Abington	130 00
Boston	143 80
Holliston	107 50
Upton	104 78
Brookline	97 18
Northbridge	94 32
Uxbridge	85 00
Military aid	60 00
Franklin	44 50
Natick	42 85
Medway	6 95
Cash from 1888	17 47
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	\$14,019 21

## RECAPITULATION.

Expense at the farm . . . . .	\$4,923 30
Persons aided outside of the farm . . . . .	4,428 31
Persons aided in other towns . . . . .	1,616 08
Persons aided belonging to other towns . . . . .	756 19
Insane . . . . .	1,977 05
State poor . . . . .	242 26
Tramps . . . . .	29 20
Incidentals . . . . .	27 26
Cash on hand . . . . .	19 56
	<hr/> \$14,019 21

## BILLS DUE MILFORD FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Upton . . . . .	\$11 75
Holliston . . . . .	16 50
Northbridge . . . . .	8 50
Brookline . . . . .	2 80
	<hr/> \$39 55

## NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED DURING THE YEAR.

At the farm . . . . .	68
At the insane hospital . . . . .	16
Persons belonging to other towns . . . . .	53
State . . . . .	42
All other persons . . . . .	359
	<hr/> 538

The Superintendent and Matron are paid to March 1, 1890, salary \$650. The Town Physician is paid to April 1, 1890, salary \$150. The hired help at the farm are paid to January 1, 1890. In the house the repairs are in good condition with the exception of the upper hall floor, which will probably require to be relaid the coming year. The bedding and bed-clothing are now in good condition, as regards both quantity and comfort.

At the barn, we would suggest that an appropriation be made for the purpose of enlarging it, as the space is insufficient for the cattle, and also for storage of the hay, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHESTER L. CLARK,  
JOHN SMITH,  
PHILIP P. O'DONNELL,

Overseers of the Poor.

The books of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 1, 1890, have been examined by me, vouchers for money expended have been shown, and I hereby certify that the accounts as shown in the accompanying report are correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD,

Auditor.



# REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1889	.	.	.	\$12 74
Appropriations:—				
Pay of members	.	.	.	\$3,430 50
Incidentals	.	.	.	900 00
Repairs	..	.	.	169 50
				<hr/> \$4,500 00
Received from Martin Broderick, sale of ladders	.	.		\$ 5 00
Milford Shoe Co. sale of tickets, N. Y. & N. E. R. R., not used by the Dept. Nov. 28, 1889				9 24
Milford Water Co. rebate on water	.			5 00
City of Boston, transportation of members Nov. 28, 1889	.	.		42 24
				<hr/> \$61 48
				<hr/> \$4,574 22

## EXPENDITURES.

Bills contracted by Board of 1888, previous to Feb. 1, 1889, paid from Appropriations of 1889, by the Board of 1888:—

L. E. Belknap, bills Sept. 8, Oct. 11, 1888	.	.	.	\$ 3 00
T. C. Eastman, bills Oct. 18, 1888	.			3 00
C. M. Thayer & Co., bills March 6, June 30, July 18, 1888, Jan. 29, 1889	.	.	.	1 22
B. H. Montague, bills Feb. 1, 1889	.			4 00

T. Quirk, bills Sept. 20, Sept. 25, Sept. 28, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, 1888, Jan. 4, 1889 . . . . .	\$57 60	
H. S. Cushman, bills April 18, June 25, Aug. 13, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 1, Oct. 4, Oct. 5, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, 1888 . . . . .	9 40	
Electric Light & Power Co., bills Dec. 31, 1888, Jan. 30, 1889 . . . . .	40 16	
L. Grow, bill Sept. 10, 1888 . . . . .	1 00	
John Casey, bill Feb. 1, 1889 . . . . .	8 33	
Clark Ellis & Sons, bills May 23, July 14, Aug. 20, Sept. 28, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 1888 . . . . .	7 12	
John Shortall, bill Oct. 5, 1888 . . . . .	1 75	
Boston Woven Hose Co., bills Oct. 29, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, 1888 . . . . .	155 25	
Geo. D. Wellington, bills Nov. 27, Dec. 1, Dec. 13, 1888 . . . . .	3 37	
Henry Willard, bills Nov. 1, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Dec. 22, 1888, Jan. 14, Jan. 29, 1889 . . . . .	11 20	
	<hr/>	\$306 40

Bills contracted after Feb. 1, 1889, paid by Board of 1888:—

*Pay of Members to May 1, 1889.*

Steamer No. 1 . . . . .	\$227 50
Hose No. 1 . . . . .	227 50
Hose No. 2 . . . . .	227 50
Hose No. 4 . . . . .	227 50
Hook & Ladder . . . . .	300 00
Board of Engineers . . . . .	132 50
Henry Willard, Engineer of Steamer 1	87 50
N. B. Fairbanks " " 2	80 00
F. W. Walker, driver Steamer No. 1 .	43 74
John Casey, " Hose No. 2 .	16 66
G. H. Whiting, " " 2 .	8 33
J. J. Hennessey, " " 1 .	12 50

G. H. Thompson, steward	Hose No. 1	.	\$21 50	
F. J. Rockwood,	"	2	21 50	
John Keelon,	"	4	21 50	
J. T. Kelley,	Hook & Ladder Co.		20 00	
				<hr/> \$1,675 73

*Incidentals.*

Milford Water Co.	.	.	.	\$19 50	
T. Quirk	.	.	.	6 40	
James A. Boyce	.	.	.	75	
P. P. O'Donnell	.	.	.	24 00	
D. R. Johnson	.	.	.	3 00	
L. E. Belknap	.	.	.	1 50	
J. T. Kelley	.	.	.	1 00	
O. D. Holmes	.	.	.	4 00	
John J. Manning	.	.	.	93	
John Shortall	.	.	.	1 25	
Geo. D. Wellington	.	.	.	60	
Henry Willard	.	.	.	7 85	
H. M. Carpenter	.	.	.	15 00	
Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	.	.	.	40 16	
P. J. Donohoe	.	.	.	1 65	
Fox, McDormand & Co., ladders	.	.	.	109 60	
				<hr/> \$237 19	

*Fire Wards.*

D. E. Casey	.	.	.	\$19 20	
John Pratt	.	.	.	14 80	
Philip H. Slattery	.	.	.	2 00	
James F. Baxter	.	.	.	1 20	
John Lally	.	.	.	1 20	
Michael Burke	.	.	.	1 20	
Michael Sullivan	.	.	.	1 20	
E. Riely	.	.	.	1 20	
C. O'Connell	.	.	.	1 20	
James Manning	.	.	.	1 20	
Jeremiah Davoren	.	.	.	4 80	
Wm. Davoren	.	.	.	4 80	
Edw. Davoren	.	.	.	4 80	
James Conlin	.	.	.	4 80	
Henry Conlin	.	.	.	2 40	
Charles Earley	.	.	.	1 20	

N. Lunstrom . . . .	\$3 00	
W. C. Steele . . . .	1 20	
E. B. Bates . . . .	1 20	
Dexter Cushman . . . .	5 20	
	<hr/>	\$77 80

Bills contracted by Board of 1888, previous to Feb. 1,  
1889, paid by the present Board:—

C. A. Hoyt, bills Dec. 1, Dec. 8, 1888 .	\$3 20
Clark Ellis & Sons, Jan. 21, Jan. 30, '88	1 60

Bills contracted by Board of 1888 after Feb. 1,  
1889, paid by the present Board:—

*Incidentals.*

M. W. Edwards, teams for Engineers .	10 00	
Electric Light & Power Co. . . .	20 08	
H. S. Cushman, bills dated Feb. 5, Apr.		
12, Apr. 17, 1889 . . . .	29 10	
Clark Ellis & Sons, bills dated Feb. 9,		
Feb. 14, March 27 . . . .	1 95	
M. W. Edwards, horses for H. & L. .	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$115 93

*Fire Wards.*

C. F. Davis . . . .	2 40	
J. C. Davis . . . .	3 20	
Daniel Pratt . . . .	1 60	
James Pyne . . . .	1 60	
Thomas Donivan . . . .	2 40	
George Pyne . . . .	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$13 60

Bill contracted by Board of 1886, paid by the present  
Board:—

L. R. Hazard, vitriol . . . .	\$1 00	
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		\$2,121 25

PAY OF MEMBERS TO NOV. 1, 1889, AND INCIDENTALS CON-  
TRACTED TO FEB. 1, 1890, PAID BY THE PRESENT BOARD.

M. W. Edwards, horses for hook and ladder	\$50 00
J. A. Rice, sponges and chamois . . .	85
Milford Electric L. & P. Co., lighting .	96 49



Alonzo Perham, sawing slabs . . .	\$ 2 50
E. R. Richmond, oil polish . . .	3 50
King Bros., rubber coat . . .	5 00
H. E. Chadwick, hitches . . .	10 00
Charles Allen, hitches and trip . . .	23 50
A. J. Morse, coupling rings . . .	6 00
Milford Daily News, advertising . . .	1 00
Adams Express Co., express on steamer wheel to Manchester and return . . .	3 60
L. Grow, repairs . . .	6 35
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies . . .	27 44
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs . . .	28 12
American Steam Gauge Co., repairs . . .	3 15
T. C. Eastman, slabs . . .	3 00
H. S. Cushman, harness, whip, express and repairs . . .	75 75
Cook & Sons, advertising . . .	1 00
G. M. Billings, paper and envelopes . . .	4 00
G. A. Sherborne, freight, cart and horses for steamer . . .	14 39
J. Hinman, repair of fire extinguisher and charges . . .	34 00
Milford Water Co., water . . .	24 00
F. W. Mann, brass screw . . .	60
J. A. Simpson, lumber and labor . . .	10 35
P. P. O'Donnell, horse for hose 4 and team for Engineers . . .	32 00
J. H. Scott, incidental expenses . . .	9 94
M. J. Buckley, " . . .	4 10
O. D. Holmes, ringing alarm and watching . . .	7 00
J. D. Gillis, repair of firemen's coats . . .	30 00
W. E. Phillips, concreting . . .	5 50
George Julian, labor . . .	2 00
Henry Willard, labor and repairs . . .	8 25
H. A. Barney, coal . . .	51 89
C. M. Thayer, kerosene oil . . .	92
T. E. Morse, glazing . . .	6 75
J. F. Hickey, comforter and blanket . . .	7 00
Milford Gas Co., coal for steamers . . .	12 89
D. B. Rockwood, repairs . . .	1 00
Milford Gas Co., gas . . .	97 60

Weed Bros. & Lent, repairs of Foster reservoir . . . . .	\$ 26 78	
N. B. Fairbanks, pumping water from same	3 00	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., transportation of men to fire in Boston . . . . .	52 80	
Eureka Fire Hose Co., hose . . . . .	550 00	
E. C. Claflin, repairs on roof of steamer house . . . . .	2 70	
J. A. Simpson, repairs on roof of steamer house . . . . .	60 05	
French Bros., repairs on roof of steamer house . . . . .	10 54	
W. H. Hooker, repairs on roof of steamer house . . . . .	34 95	
Clark Ellis & Sons, changing from electric lights to gas . . . . .	60 47	
Z. C. Field, lumber for alterations at steamer house . . . . .	17 48	
G. C. Buck, collars at steamer house . . . . .	5 00	
Charles E. Berry, snaps at steamer house . . . . .	4 60	
J. F. Haskell, harnesses at steamer house . . . . .	15 00	
D. B. Bockwood, repairs at steamer house . . . . .	2 64	
J. J. Grothe " " " . . . . .	5 10	
Postage . . . . .	41	
	<hr/>	\$1,563 46

#### PAY OF MEMBERS.

Board of Engineers . . . . .	\$ 147 50
N. B. Fairbanks . . . . .	87 50
Steamer No. 2 . . . . .	227 50
Hose No. 1 . . . . .	227 50
Hose No. 2 . . . . .	227 50
Hose No. 4 . . . . .	227 50
Hook and Ladder . . . . .	300 00
F. J. Rockwood, steward Hose No. 2 . . . . .	21 50
G. H. Thompson, " No. 1 . . . . .	21 50
M. Hanigan, " No. 4 . . . . .	21 50
John Kelly, " Hook and Ladder . . . . .	20 00
J. J. Hennessy, driver Hose No. 1 . . . . .	7 00
L. E. Doliff, " No. 1 . . . . .	7 25
F. M. Walker, " Steamer No. 2 . . . . .	131 26

George H. Whiting, driver Hose No. 2 .	\$112 50	
Matthew Burns, fire police . .	2 00	
James Howard, " . .	2 00	
Henry Willard, engineer No. 1 . .	43 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,835 26
Appropriation, Pay of Members, May 1, 1889		\$3,430 50
Paid by Board of 1888 . . .		\$1,675 73
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		\$1,754 77

Pay of members from May 1, 1889 to Nov. 1,		
1889 . . . .	\$1,835 26	
Balance on hand May 1, 1889 . .	1,754 77	
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Exceeded . . . .	\$ 80 49	
Appropriation, incidentals and repairs .		\$1,069 50
Spent by Board of 1888 from Feb. 1, 1889 to		
May 1, 1889 . . . .		751 92
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Balance for nine months . . . .		\$317 58
Cost of incidentals and repairs . . .	\$1,563 46	
Balance on hand, May 1, 1889 . . .	317 58	
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Exceeded . . . .	\$1,245 88	

### RECAPITULATION.

Exceeded on pay of members . . .	\$ 80 49	
" incidentals and repairs	1,245 88	
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		\$1,326 37
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1889 . . .	\$12 74	
Cash from sundries . . . .	61 48	
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		74 22
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Net excess . . . .		\$1,252 15

M. J. BUCKLEY, Treasurer.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

Pay of members . . . . .	\$3,526 50
Incidentals and repairs . . . . .	1,200 00
Hose . . . . .	500 00
Fall Parade . . . . .	100 00
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	\$5,326 50

## ROLL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

JOHN H. SCOTT,	Chief Engineer
J. T. BERRILL,	Assistant Engineer
P. P. O'DONNELL,	Assistant Engineer
A. R. CHENEY,	Assistant Engineer
M. J. BUCKLEY,	Clerk and Treasurer

AARON CLAFLIN STEAMER Co., No. 2.—Foreman, Nahum Gaskill; assistant foreman, James A. Boyce; engineer, Nahum B. Fairbanks; stoker, Wm. A. Fairbanks; driver, Fred M. Walker; hosemen, W. P. Leland, A. H. Smith, Wm. Brown, J. H. Morse, F. H. Bassford, Wm. Struthers, Amasa Smith, Walter Bradbury, Wm. Chaison, Albert S. Allen.

MILFORD STEAM FIRE ENGINE Co., No. 1.—In reserve. Engineer, H. E. Rockwood.

WIDE AWAKE HOSE Co., No. 1.—Foreman, S. W. Blunt; first assistant, H. I. Benney; second assistant, E. G. Hubbard; clerk and treasurer, John J. Hennessy; steward, G. H. Thompson; hosemen, H. L. Willard, E. B. Bates, C. A. Morey, C. L. Witherell, L. E. Doliff, W. M. Miller, W. A. Ide, C. F. Hill, A. D. White, J. L. Lilley.

WASHINGTON HOSE Co., No. 2.—Foreman, L. E. Belknap; first assistant, T. F. Martin; second assistant, Emmons Fletcher; clerk, W. J. Pyne; steward, F. J. Rockwood; hosemen, P. J. Connors, John Mathews, Bart. Harrington, E. J. Dalton, T. F. Callahan, J. J. Ring, A. B. Montague, F. L. Richardson, E. B. Quinn, Geo. Mellett.

WILLIAM C. GILLMAN HOSE Co., No. 4.—Foreman, Geo. Julian; first assistant, Wm. H. Curtin; second assistant, D. J. O'Connor; clerk and treasurer, C. A. Cheney; steward, M. Hanigan; hosemen, M. Higgins, J. Keelon, J. Herlihy, T. Hanigan, Chas. Voyer, R. Hoey, C. Collins, B. Hersey, J. Ahern, T. Shea.

EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER Co., No. 1.—Foreman, T. J. Connor; first assistant, James Lally, Jr.; clerk, T. F. Connors; treasurer, M. H. Sullivan; steward, J. T. Kelley; laddermen, P. F. Callery, E. Roach, M. Burke, J. Baxter, L. V. Corbett, J. O'Neil, J. Callery, T. F. Waters, P. F. Slattery, M. Kirby, W. Place, W. Cratty, P. H. Gaffney, S. C. Quirk, J. L. Keefe.



## SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Milford Steam Fire Engine No. 1, in fair condition, the boiler having been nine years in use and the flues more or less burnt at a past fire.

Aaron Claflin Steamer No. 2, in fair condition. The boiler has been in use seventeen years. The average guarantee of a boiler to do good work is about ten years, so that, in case of a serious conflagration, it is a question whether they could do good and efficient work. Both the steamers are fully equipped with the necessary appliances.

Wide Awake Hose Carriage, No. 1, in good repair, with the necessary equipments.

Washington Hose Carriage No. 2, in good repair, with the necessary equipments.

Wm. C. Gillman Hose Carriage No. 4, in good repair, with the necessary equipments.

Excelsior Hook & Ladder Truck, in good repair, with necessary equipments.

## ENGINEER'S ROOM AND FURNITURE FOR SAME.

There are four buildings owned and occupied by the department; one on South Main street, occupied by Steamers Nos. 1 and 2, in fair condition; one on Spruce street, occupied by Hose Nos. 1 and 2, in fair condition; one on Central street, occupied by Hose No. 4, in good condition; one at corner of Spruce and Main streets, occupied by Hook and Ladder Co., in poor condition, and not adapted for its present use.

## REPORT OF HOSE.

We have hose in good condition amounting to 4,750 feet, distributed as follows: Hose No. 4, 950 ft.; Hose No. 1, 1,450 ft.; Hose No. 2, 1,250 ft.; Steamer, 1,100 ft.; total, 4,750 ft.

To put the department where it belongs in regard to hose, 6,300 feet is needed, as follows; Hose No. 4, 1,300 ft.; Hose No. 1, 1,600 ft.; Hose No. 2, 1,600 ft.; Steamer, 1,800 ft.; total, 6,300 ft.

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

There were five general alarms of fire during the year ending February 1, 1890, and four still alarms.

The total value of buildings, as near as could be obtained, was . . . . .	\$32,500 00
The total value of contents, as near as could be obtained, was . . . . .	9,075 00
The total insurance on buildings was . . . . .	19,650 00
“ “ contents “ . . . . .	5,250 00
The total damage to buildings was . . . . .	670 00
“ “ contents “ . . . . .	1,048 00
The total insurance paid on buildings was . . . . .	582 00
“ “ “ contents “ . . . . .	648 00

MARCH 5, 1889. Wooden building owned by Mary Connely, occupied by Mary Connely and Mrs. Bolan, valued at \$1,000; insurance, \$850; no damage; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$275; insurance, \$150; no damage; no insurance paid. Cause, chimney.

MARCH 14. Brush land owned by George Bros., valued at \$800; no insurance; no damage. Cause, unknown.

MARCH 22. Wood and brick building owned by A. Claflin and occupied by L. Grow, J. Lilly and Wm. Emery as blacksmith, harness and carriage trimming shops; valued at \$2,000; no insurance; damage, \$50; no insurance paid. Contents valued at \$1,300; damage, \$100; no insurance. Cause, spark from chimney.

MARCH 29. Wooden building owned and occupied as dwelling by Mrs. W. R. Burke; valued at \$4,000; insurance, \$1,500; damage, \$75; insurance paid, \$37. Contents valued at \$2,000; damage, \$100; no insurance. Caused by lamp exploding and setting fire to a bed.

APRIL 15. Brush land owned by Jones Bros., H. E. Morgan and R. Hill; valued at \$1,200; no damage; no insurance. Cause unknown.

APRIL 30. Wooden building owned and occupied as a liquor store by Mortimer Howard; valued at \$2,500; insured for \$1,500; damage, \$400; insurance paid, \$400. Contents valued at \$800; damage, \$800; insurance, \$1,000; insurance paid, \$500. Cause, supposed incendiary.

MAY 1. Wooden building owned and occupied as dwelling by Timothy Shea; valued at \$4,000; insurance, \$3,500; damage, \$20; insurance paid, \$20. Contents valued at \$1,000; insurance, \$700; damage, \$25; insurance paid, \$25. Cause, explosion of oil stove.



Nov. 3. Wooden building owned by Trustees Methodist Church and occupied as a church; value, \$15,000; insurance, \$11,500; damage, \$25; insurance paid, \$25. Contents valued at \$2,500; insurance, \$2,200; damage, \$23; insurance paid, \$23. Cause, incendiary.

Nov. 15. Wooden building, owned and occupied as a dwelling by C. A. Hoyt; valued at \$2,000; insurance, \$800; damage, \$100; insurance paid, \$100. Contents valued at \$1,200; insurance, \$1,000; damage \$100; insurance paid, \$100. Cause, explosion of kerosene lamp.

### CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing report we do not intend to throw discredit on our predecessors, but simply to show the true condition of the financial portion of the department as we found it when we took control. Our first act was to test the hose; we found only 3700 feet in good condition; the balance, 900 feet, not being able to stand ordinary fire pressure. This necessitated our buying 1050 feet of woven jacket hose at an expense of \$550. The steamer house on South Main street we found in a bad condition, the roof leaking badly around the eave-troughs, causing considerable damage to the steamers and equipments. This necessitated a further outlay of \$108.24 to repair the same.

We also found that the fire extinguishers carried on Hook and Ladder truck were practically worthless, not having been charged for about three years. These we had put in first class condition at an expense of \$30.

In July we were notified by the Milford Electric Light & Power Co. that they would discontinue lighting the department after 11 P. M., and as this was the time the lights were needed most, arrangements were made to use gas. This caused a still further extra expense, amounting to \$60.47 for gas piping, the pipes having been removed partly, if not wholly, from the Hook and Ladder house and Hose house on Spruce street, on account of repairing one and moving the other. The other houses were put in repair at a nominal sum.

The abutters on the Foster reservoir, so called, notified us that the cover of same was in a dangerous condition, and we were obliged to repair it at a cost of \$29.78.

In conclusion, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of the department for their kind assistance rendered to

put the department in good condition, also to the citizens in general who have assisted us so willingly when called upon. During the year we have helped to perfect the working of the department by buying swing harnesses for engineers' wagon and for the companies not having them, and have made alterations at the steamer house, whereby the steamer, in case of an alarm, can be on its way to the fire in 15 seconds.

We do not wish to go into any extended remarks in regard to a fire alarm telegraph, as any citizen interested in the protection of the Town against fire knows that our present system of getting the location of a fire promptly is not what it should be. We have caused an article to be inserted in the Town warrant, asking for an appropriation to establish a system of fire alarm telegraph, and shall be ready to answer any questions relating to the same, and make such statements as are necessary to explain its benefits, etc.

JOHN H. SCOTT, Chief,  
 J. T. BERRILL, 1st Assistant,  
 ALBERT R. CHENEY, 2d Assistant,  
 M. J. BUCKLEY, Clerk and Treasurer,  
 PHILIP P. O'DONNELL,  
 Board of Engineers.



## Trustees of the Town Library.

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CHARLES A. DEWEY, JOHN P. NEALON, Term expires 1890  
NATHANIEL F. BLAKE, OWEN F. CROUGHWELL, Term expires 1891  
VALENTINE N. RYAN, NATHAN W. HEATH, Term expires 1892

CHARLES A. DEWEY, Chairman,  
OWEN F. CROUGHWELL, Secretary,  
VALENTINE N. RYAN, Treasurer,  
NATHANIEL F. BLAKE, Librarian.

The number of books taken out of our town library during the past year is about the same as that of the year previous. Both years show a large falling off in the circulation as compared with the average of the five years preceding, the difference being about seven thousand volumes. What has caused such a marked decrease in circulation it is difficult to say. It may be due in part to the recent formation of magazine clubs, or from increased devotion to the daily newspapers, or some other occult cause, or to divers causes combined. Whatever the reason, the result is much to be regretted. However important it may be to keep well informed as to current events, or to peruse our attractive and popular magazines, it is a great mistake to read nothing besides. Certainly our town library contains an abundance of books that will yield much larger returns, whether one reads for profit or pleasure.

We have an excellent library and one that is improving year by year. While our means for the purchase of new books have been somewhat limited, the Trustees have endeavored to make the best use of them, and have taken pains to select the most desirable books in the various departments of literature. We have just purchased a considerable number of books of more than ordinary interest, and we trust the coming year will show a stronger inclination on the part of our people to avail themselves of the advantages of our public library.

We earnestly recommend an appropriation by the Town of six hundred dollars for the benefit of the library.

C. A. DEWEY, Chairman.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

## TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby submit the report of the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1890.

The circulation for the year from Feb. 1, 1889 to Jan. 31, 1890 was 20,009 volumes. The largest daily circulation, Feb. 3, 1890, 247, and the smallest April 26, 1889, 7. The following is the classified list:—

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	TOTAL.
Feb., 1889	55	41	2	45	35	907	51	9	11	769		1925
Mch., "	57	44	10	58	38	1075	47	8	10	671	1	2019
Apr., "	35	42		33	27	1043	59	5	14	527		1785
May, "	22	44		33	29	963	43	2	10	339		1485
June, "	14	29		34	32	993	56	4	5	263	5	1435
July, "	18	36		40	32	959	72	2	8	258	1	1426
Aug., "	19	23	2	28	18	960	91	4	12	347	1	1505
Sept., "	39	28	1	38	23	867	65	7	14	339		1421
Oct., "	43	48		59	33	934	71	8	8	490		1694
Nov., "	40	38	1	73	27	1099	92	5	14	488		1877
Dec., "	39	38	4	51	21	982	65	4	10	444		1658
Jan., 1890	41	42	3	82	27	1039	66	7	16	455	1	1779
Totals,	422	453	23	574	342	11821	778	65	132	5390	9	20009

Number of days open, 304; average daily circulation, 65  $\frac{242}{104}$  volumes; amount received for fines, \$49.68; for catalogues, \$3.65; total, \$53.33.

The library contains as by last report, 7,738 volumes, duplicates not included. There have been added during the year 273 volumes, classified as follows: History, 26; Biography, 38; Travels, 12; Science, 24; Fiction, 67; Miscellaneous, 27; Poetry, 3; Juvenile, 30; Public Documents, 46. Present number, 8,011 volumes. Of the number added, 221 volumes were purchased; 13 volumes by binding Patent Office Gazettes and Indices; 1 volume by binding Groton, (Mass.) Historical Series; 2 volumes by Exchange of History of Milford with the Towns of Medway and Sudbury. There have also been purchased 53 volumes to replace worn-out books.

## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR AND HOW PROCURED.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
State of Massachusetts . . . .	13	6
Fish Commissioner, U. S. . . .	6	
Census Bureau " . . . .	5	
Comptroller of the Currency, U. S. . . .	2	
Commissioner of Education, " . . . .	2	4
War Department " . . . .	1	
Interstate Commerce Commission, U. S. . . .	2	
Secretary of the Treasury, " . . . .	1	
" Agriculture, " . . . .	1	
Public Library, Worcester, Mass. . . .		1
City " Lowell, " . . . .		1
Malden " Malden, " . . . .		1
Lawrence " Lawrence, " . . . .		1
Fall River Library, Fall River, Mass. . . .		1
Macullar, Parker & Co., Boston . . . .	1	
Henry Cook, Elizabeth, N. J. . . .	1	
Wilford Woodruff, Salt Lake City . . . .	1	
Binding pamphlets . . . .	14	
Exchanges with Medway and Sudbury . . . .	2	
Purchases . . . .	221	
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	273	15

The library has received weekly from the Patent office the Official Gazette, and from the United Friends' Society, monthly, The Manifesto, the official publication of that society.

Respectfully yours,

N. F. BLAKE, Librarian.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

V. N. RYAN, Treasurer,

In account with Milford Town Library.

DR.

Balance from last year's report . . . .	\$ 186 67
Town appropriation . . . .	500 00
One half dog-tax . . . .	383 96
Fines and catalogues . . . .	53 33
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	\$1,123 96



	CR.	
James A. Gilmore, librarian	.	\$ 50 00
N. F. Blake, " .	.	250 00
Express . . .	.	4 60
Milford Electric Light Co. .	.	54 76
Milford Gas Co. . .	.	49 02
Supplies . . .	.	18 03
Printing . . .	.	4 75
Binding books . . .	.	33 90
Covering books . . .	.	12 19
Furniture . . .	.	51 50
Repairs . . .	.	5 20
Books . . .	.	388 29
Unexpended appropriation .	.	186 06
Balance, cash on hand . .	.	15 66
		<hr/> \$1,123 96

Respectfully submitted,

V. N. RYAN, Treasurer.

Having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town Library, and finding vouchers for each expenditure, I hereby certify that the aforesaid report is correct, as shown by his books.

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.



# REPORT OF

## Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery,

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1890.

#### DR.

1889.		
Feb'ry 8,	To cash on hand . . . . .	\$99 64
May 18,	Cash of Wood & Nye, for digging graves	39 62
25,	Mrs. Arthur Johnson, work on lot .	8 00
June 1,	Henry Hancock, work on lot . .	3 00
8,	Wood & Nye, for digging graves .	22 00
10,	" work on N. Adams' lot	5 00
27,	On order of the Selectmen . . .	100 00
Aug'st 3,	Of Henry Hancock, care of lots . .	7 50
1890.		
Jan. 27,	Wood & Nye, for	
	William H. Trevetts, Lot No. 50 . .	14 00
	Robert Russell, Lot No. 537 . . .	5 00
	For three burials in public lot . .	5 50
	Digging graves . . . . .	13 25
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		\$322 51

#### CR.

1889.		
March 30, and other times : —		
	Paid Henry Hancock . . . . .	\$234 15
April 3 and 17 : —		
	William Prentice . . . . .	23 00
April 23,	Peter Chepdelain . . . . .	7 50
June 1,	Mann & Leahy . . . . .	1 00
8,	Wm. Johnson & Co. . . . .	1 50
29,	Cook & Sons . . . . .	1 00

1890.

Jan. 27,	H. C. Skinner	.	.	.	.	.	\$10 00
27,	Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	.	44 36
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							\$322 51

There have been 37 interments in Vernon Grove Cemetery during the past year.

The terms of the Committee expire as follows: Geo. L. Maynard and Henry Hancock in 1890; Leonard Fairbanks and Isaac N. Crosby in 1891; Henry C. Skinner and John M. Wood in 1892.

HENRY C. SKINNER,

Secretary.

The report of the Trustees of Vernon Grove Cemetery for the year ending Feb. 1, 1890, as shown above, is correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD,

Auditor.

## Report of Town Park Commissioners.

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### DR.

Town appropriations . . . .	\$200 00
R. B. Greene, hay and grass . . . .	30 00
	<hr/> \$230 00

### CR.

Hugh Smith, labor . . . .	\$ 15 02
Thomas Hickey, labor . . . .	24 21
Addison Aldrich " . . . .	30 32
J. F. Haskell, carting . . . .	17 40
Field Brothers, lumber . . . .	13 73
J. J. Grothe, iron work . . . .	5 41
N. K. Sprague, labor . . . .	24 60
T. E. Morse, painting . . . .	11 20
William Coffee, labor . . . .	3 50
John Coffee, " . . . .	1 60
A. S. Allen, police . . . .	14 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, findings . . . .	3 63
Town Treasurer . . . .	30 00
	<hr/> \$194 62
Balance on hand . . . .	35 38
	<hr/> \$230 00

C. W. WILCOX,  
HENRY E. FALES,  
DWIGHT RUSSELL,

Town Park Commissioners.

I hereby certify that the accounts of the Park Commissioners as shown in this report are correct.

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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In view of the deep interest now taken throughout the state in regard to the condition and custody of public records, it is gratifying to note the advance step taken by the Town last year in appropriating \$250 for the purpose of improving the condition of its records.

During the year, through the means of this appropriation, the records of births, deaths and marriages, comprising 15 books, have been re-bound, the earlier records (from 1780 to 1843) being inter-leaved, so as to prevent the breaking of the paper, which from age has become quite brittle. The work of arranging and classifying the records, documents, bills, etc., in the fire-proof vault, has steadily progressed, and will in all probability be completed by the annual meeting.

In order that the arrangement of the records in the vault should be complete, and also to comply with the provisions of Sec. 4, Chap. 37, of the Public Statutes requiring *all* books, papers and documents to be kept in fire-proof safes, I requested the different Town Officers who had records of their respective departments in their possession, to deliver the same into my custody. By their prompt compliance with my request, it affords me great pleasure to report that all the records of the different Town Officers, except those in present use, are now in the vault, and assigned to their proper places under the new arrangement.

This year I would call your especial attention to the necessity of indexing the "Records of Town Affairs" previous to 1859, and the records of "Births, Deaths and Marriages" from 1780 to 1843. These books are quite frequently referred to for historical and genealogical work, and from the want of an index, considerable inconvenience and loss of time is caused to persons searching for information. All records should be indexed so as to make them convenient for examination and reference, and as these records contain entries of the earlier transactions of the Town, and



the vital statistics of the first 50 years of its history, it seems to me particularly desirable that the same should be indexed at once.

The record department of the Town is quite as important as any other department, and ought to be treated with as much consideration in relation to appropriations for improvements as time and necessity demand. If, as in other departments, a special appropriation were made annually for the purpose of improving the condition of the records, in such a manner as would appear necessary and desirable from the observations and judgment of the Town Clerk, Milford's records could, in a short time and at a small expense, be made equal, if not superior, to those of any Town in the state.

The question of the adoption of a Town seal will come up for your consideration at the coming meeting, and I would urgently recommend that the Town take favorable action towards adopting and purchasing a seal.

#### MARRIAGES.

Intentions issued	.	.	.	.	.	.	81
Marriages recorded	.	.	.	.	.	.	90
Increase over 1888	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Number solemnized in Milford	.	.	.	.	.	59	
Hopedale	.	.	.	.	.	3	
Holliston	.	.	.	.	.	3	
Upton	.	.	.	.	.	3	
Bellingham	.	.	.	.	.	2	
Hopkinton	.	.	.	.	.	2	
Franklin	.	.	.	.	.	2	
Woonsocket, R. I.	.	.	.	.	.	2	
South Framingham	.	.	.	.	.	2	
Conway, Mass., Beverly, Mass., West Medway, Fall River, North Brookfield, Clinton, Bos- ton, East Boston, Worcester, Woburn, Quincy, and Phila- delphia, Pa., 1 each.	.	.	.	.	.	12	
						—	90
First marriage, grooms, 70,				brides 79,	.	.	149
Second " " 18,				" 11,	.	.	29
Third " " 2,				" 0,	.	.	2
						—	—
						90	180

Average age of groom	.	.	.	.	.	35
“ bride	.	.	.	.	.	26
Oldest groom	.	.	.	.	.	71
“ bride	.	.	.	.	.	61
Youngest groom	.	.	.	.	.	19
“ bride	.	.	.	.	.	17
Grooms whose age exceeds bride's	.	.	.	.	.	73
Brides “ “ groom's	.	.	.	.	.	9
Same age, in years	.	.	.	.	.	8
						—
						90

Greatest difference in ages of one couple, 21 years.

#### BY WHOM PERFORMED.

By Rev. James T. Canavan	.	.	.	.	.	19
“ S. A. Gardner	.	.	.	.	.	10
“ D. F. McGillicuddy	.	.	.	.	.	5
“ Adin Ballou	.	.	.	.	.	5
“ A. W. Mills	.	.	.	.	.	4
“ F. W. Farr	.	.	.	.	.	4
“ Charles Tilton	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ Webster Woodbury	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ George Fisher	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ P. Cuddihy	.	.	.	.	.	1
“ John S. Cullen, South Framingham	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ Daniel A. Wade, Bellingham	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ M. D. Murphy, Hopkinton	.	.	.	.	.	2

Revs. Geo. E. Sanderson, Conway; W. C. Selleck, Franklin; Sherwood Soule, Beverly; George S. Ball, Upton; Fayette Nichols, Newton; James J. Gilday, Clinton; Arthur H. Wright, Dorchester; A. E. Winship, Milford, M. H. Harris, Worcester; Herbert H. Mott, Winchester; R. J. Quinlan, Holliston; M. J. Carroll, Fisherville; H. E. Cotton, Quincy; A. J. Dyer, Upton; J. M. Mulcahy, Franklin; L. J. Deady, Fall River; John Hird, North Brookfield; Wm. P. Blackmer, Upton; Edwin Sweetser, Philadelphia, Pa.; James H. Netting, Woonsocket, R. I.; Michael Clark, East Boston; Eng. Lesard, Woonsocket, R. I., 1 each,

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## BIRTHS.

Whole number registered	.	.	.	.	.	194
Number of males	.	.	.	.	.	102
“ females	.	.	.	.	.	92
						— 194
Children of foreign parentage	.	.	.	.	.	60
“ native	“	.	.	.	.	144
“ mixed	“	.	.	.	.	20
						— 194
Number of instances of twins	4					
Illegitimate	.	.	.	.	.	6
Born in January,	males, 7	females, 7	.	.	.	14
February,	“ 1	“ 11	.	.	.	12
March,	“ 11	“ 9	.	.	.	20
April,	“ 6	“ 4	.	.	.	10
May,	“ 9	“ 3	.	.	.	12
June,	“ 8	“ 12	.	.	.	20
July,	“ 5	“ 1	.	.	.	6
August,	“ 10	“ 8	.	.	.	18
September,	“ 10	“ 12	.	.	.	22
October,	“ 12	“ 9	.	.	.	21
November,	“ 8	“ 5	.	.	.	13
December,	“ 15	“ 11	.	.	.	26
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	102	92				194

## DEATHS.

Number recorded	.	.	.	.	.	154
“ of males	.	.	.	.	.	80
“ females	.	.	.	.	.	74
						— 154

A decrease of 50 from 1888.

Died in January,	males, 5	females, 3	.	.	.	8
February,	“ 4	“ 8	.	.	.	12
March,	“ 7	“ 10	.	.	.	17
April,	“ 12	“ 5	.	.	.	17
May,	“ 10	“ 7	.	.	.	17
June,	“ 4	“ 3	.	.	.	7
July,	“ 5	“ 6	.	.	.	11
August,	“ 7	“ 7	.	.	.	14

September, males, 3	females, 6	.	.	9
October, " 11	" 6	.	.	17
November, " 6	" 5	.	.	11
December, " 6	" 8	.	.	14
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80		74		154

#### CONDITION OF PERSONS DECEASED.

Married, males, 41,	females, 26,	.	.	.	67
Single, " 32,	" 28,	.	.	.	60
Widowers, " 7,	widows, 20,	.	.	.	27
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80		74		154	

#### CAUSES OF DEATH AS REPORTED BY THE PHYSICIANS.

Consumption, 31; pneumonia, 16; heart diseases, 12; old age, 9; paralysis, 6; cancers, 6; Bright's disease, 3; apoplexy, 4; convulsions, 4; cholera infantum, 3; dropsy, 3; senile dementia, 3; general debility, 3; liver diseases, 3; meningitis, 3; gastritis chronic, 2; whooping cough, 2; rheumatism, 2; bronchitis, 2; inflammation of bowels, 2; cerebral atrophy, 2; diphtheria, 1; various other diseases, 32. Total, 154.

Of the 154 deaths, 123 were interred in Milford; 31 in other places.

#### AGES.

Number of persons	95	.	.	.	.	1
" " from 90 to 95	.	.	.	.	.	3
" " " 85 " 90	.	.	.	.	.	7
" " " 80 " 85	.	.	.	.	.	5
" " " 75 " 80	.	.	.	.	.	10
" " " 70 " 75	.	.	.	.	.	8
" " " 60 " 70	.	.	.	.	.	21
" " " 50 " 60	.	.	.	.	.	20
" " " 40 " 50	.	.	.	.	.	14
" " " 30 " 40	.	.	.	.	.	11
" " " 20 " 30	.	.	.	.	.	14
" " under 20	.	.	.	.	.	40



## LICENSESES.

## Liquor licenses recorded:—

First class	.	.	.	.	.	7
Fourth class	.	.	.	.	.	2
Sixth class	.	.	.	.	.	7
						—16
Auctioneers' licenses recorded	.	.	.	.	.	4
Pool and billiard licenses recorded	.	.	.	.	.	6
Oleomargarine license issued	.	.	.	.	.	1
Received for same and paid Town Treasurer, 50 cents.						

## DOG LICENSES.

Whole number licensed—males, 392; females, 55	.	.	.	.	447
Amount received for same	.	.	.	.	\$1,059 00
Amount sent County Treasurer	.	.	.	.	\$969 60
Number licensed last year	.	.	.	.	434
Amount received last year	.	.	.	.	\$1,054 00
Increase over last year.	.	.	.	.	\$5 00

## MORTGAGE RECORDS.

Chattel mortgages recorded	.	.	.	.	71
Assignment of wages	.	.	.	.	9
Transfer of mortgage, 1; mortgages discharged	.	.	.	.	10
Attachment of bulky articles	.	.	.	.	2
Bills of sale	.	.	.	.	2

## MARRIED WOMEN.

Certificates recorded of married women doing business					
on separate account	.	.	.	.	2

## ROADS.

Descriptions recorded	.	.	.	.	1
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## JURORS DRAWN.

For Grand Jury, James F. Stratton.

For Traverse Juries, Alfred A. Burrill, Cyrus A. Carpenter, Martin Cooney, Isaac N. Davis, Nathan W. Heath, Charles C. Johnson, Asa L. Morrill, Henry E. Morgan, Patrick Morgan, Thomas H. Mann, John Nolan.

## TOWN MEETINGS.

March 4, 1889; April 22, 1889; April 29, 1889; June 3, 1889;  
Sept. 9, 1889; Nov. 5, 1889. Total, 6.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. McLOUGHLIN,

Town Clerk.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and found  
each item correct, as shown in above report.

AUSTIN HOWARD,

Auditor.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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I have made a monthly examination of the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen and Highway Surveyors, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and Fire Department; and also, as often as I have deemed it expedient for the best interests of the Town, examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town Library, Vernon Grove Cemetery and the Park Commissioners, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

The accounts of the Assessors and Tax Collector agree correctly with their respective reports.

The Treasurer's accounts harmonize with the amounts paid by the several departments.

The records and finances of the Town Clerk, John T. McLoughlin, who is also Clerk of the Board of Selectmen, are plainly and neatly written, and correctly kept. He has had a large amount of labor to perform in arranging the public records, having them bound and classified, which will be of lasting benefit, showing great care and a thorough knowledge of the duties of the official in charge of this important department.

The system adopted of paying bills by orders on the Town Treasurer is efficient and simple, and should be extended to *every* department, and *all* bills paid in that way.

I would recommend that the fiscal year commence on the first day of February and close on the thirty-first day of January, thus giving the Town Officers time to prepare their reports before the March Town meeting. I also suggest that the financial accounts of the different departments be kept in the Town House, and all bills be submitted to the Auditor for his approval before payment, as is now done in cities and many large towns.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN HOWARD, Auditor.

Milford, February, 1890.







REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1889-90.

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MILFORD, MASS.:  
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1890.

## School Committee 1889-90.

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GEORGE L. COOKE	.	.	.	Term expires 1892
JOHN J. DUGGAN	.	.	.	" 1892
GEORGE G. PARKER	.	.	.	" 1891
GEORGE E. STACY	.	.	.	" 1891
CHARLES MACKIN	.	.	.	" 1890
ROBERT H. COCHRAN	.	.	.	" 1890

### ORGANIZATION.

GEO. G. PARKER, Chairman,

S. F. BLODGETT, Secretary.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

S. F. BLODGETT.

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

#### *Rules and Regulations.*

R. H. COCHRAN,

J. J. DUGGAN,

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Repairs.*

CHARLES MACKIN,

GEO. E. STACY,

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Teachers and Examinations.*

J. J. DUGGAN,

GEO. G. PARKER,

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Text-Books and Supplies.*

CHARLES MACKIN,

GEO. L. COOKE,

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### *Fuel.*

GEORGE E. STACY,

R. H. COCHRAN.

Regular meetings of the Committee: The second Monday of each month, at 8 P. M.

## Report of the School Committee, February, 1890.

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There has been a general prosperity in all the schools during the past year. The teachers, under the wise supervision of our excellent Superintendent, Mr. S. F. Blodgett, have performed their work faithfully.

The Committee have endeavored to conform to the requirements of the recent law regarding the safety and health of the pupils. While some of the requirements may seem extreme and unnecessary, we must all admit there should be left no possible peril to the lives or health of children in the public schools. Appropriations to this end should be adequate and without hesitation.

The schoolhouse accommodations are generally sufficient, but not in all respects satisfactory. The Committee renew their recommendation that the old Town House be abandoned as a schoolhouse, and that a corresponding building be erected on the town land on Spruce street.

The law requiring free text-books and supplies has been in operation for five years past, and every year's experience confirms the conviction that this is a wise provision, and has less objections than the most sanguine anticipated. Without this we cannot boast of free schools and free education. Under the old system the poor man with his large family paid a heavier school tax than many of his rich neighbors, and it was often the only tax he was compelled to pay.

Nearly five years ago the Legislature required that the public schools should "include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system." It will be observed that this law does not require that the evils of intemperance should be taught, in their moral, social, financial, political, or national aspect; but it intends to bring the subject home to the attention of everyone, to the extent only that it concerns his own individual, physical welfare. No better method



could be devised to advance the cause of temperance. There will soon be a generation of men and women on the stage, who, knowing the peril to life and health, will need no law to induce them to "touch not, taste not, handle not" the dangerous liquids, and the not less dangerous narcotic compounds now so prevalent. The same law requires that all teachers, before approval, should be found qualified in this particular branch of school education. Our schools are furnished with text-books on this subject, and the teachers have faithfully carried out the spirit of the law.

The appropriation for the schools last year was \$22,000. This was insufficient by \$470.59, not taking into account the special outlay for fire-escapes, ventilation and drainage, demanded by the State Inspector. An appropriation of \$22,500 is recommended for the coming year in addition to \$1500, to complete the work demanded by the Inspector, making a total of \$24,000.

GEO. G. PARKER,  
 GEO. E. STACY,  
 CHAS. MACKIN,  
 GEO. L. COOKE,  
 DR. ROBT. H. COCHRAN,  
 JNO. J. DUGGAN,

School Committee.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY.

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Following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Feb. 1, 1890.

Last year the Committee asked for an appropriation of \$22,500. The town voted \$22,000 and it has been necessary to overdraw this amount \$470.59. Of this amount \$247.95 was for bills carried over from the year 1888, and this year the Committee have paid all bills contracted previous to Feb. 1, 1890.

### APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Amount voted by town . . .	\$22,000 00
One half dog-tax . . .	383 96
Mass. School Fund . . .	56 69
Sale of books . . .	31 92
Unclaimed Evening School money .	6 00
	—————\$22,478 57

### EXPENSES.

For teachers' salaries . . .	\$16,086 50
“ janitors . . .	901 50
“ Superintendent's salary . .	1,500 00
“ fuel . . .	920 36
“ ordinary repairs . . .	557 08
“ supplies . . .	1,812 79
“ incidentals . . .	1,170 93
	—————\$22,949 16

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Amount overdrawn,	\$470 59
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### SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS.

In April the Committee received orders from the State Board of Inspection of Public Buildings, to make certain repairs in our school buildings to conform to the requirements of Chapters 149 and 246 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1888. At a special

town meeting held in May the town appropriated \$1000 for this purpose. The Committee have partly complied with the requirements of these orders, and have expended for this purpose \$1332.43, overdrawing the appropriation \$332.43.

Special appropriation, May	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Paid Murdough & Bergin	.	.	\$1,230 29	
“ T. E. Morse	.	.	33 61	
“ S. A. Brock	.	.	5 33	
“ Ellis & Sons	.	.	22 64	
“ Z. E. Ball	.	.	15 00	
“ Field Brothers	.	.	13 56	
“ Hussey Brothers	.	.	12 00	
			<hr/>	\$1,332 43

Amount overdrawn,	<hr/>	\$332 43
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### SUMMARY.

Total of appropriations and money rec'd	.	\$23,478 57
Total expenditures	.	24,281 59
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Total amount overdrawn		\$803 02

At the regular meeting of the Committee held Feb. 11, 1890, the reports of the Secretary and Superintendent were read and approved, and it was voted that they be included in the annual report of the Committee.

S. F. BLODGETT,

Secretary.

I have examined the accounts of the Secretary of the School Committee, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

AUSTIN HOWARD,

Auditor.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MILFORD :—

Gentlemen: In conformity with a long established custom, and in accordance with the rules of your Board, I submit to you my third report, which is the thirteenth annual Superintendent's report, covering the time from Jan. 1, 1889 to Jan. 1, 1890. As I have adopted in my reports the general outline pursued by my predecessors, it can scarcely be expected that I shall have anything very new or of startling interest to offer you. I shall, however, venture to call your special attention to the article on ventilation, as this subject is one likely to demand your consideration during the coming year.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of the town in 1885	9,343
Estimated population of the town in 1890	10,000
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age in	
May, 1889	1,389
Decrease from last year	16

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Number of buildings occupied	17
"        "        not occupied	1
"        rooms occupied	37
"        "        not occupied	3

## SCHOOLS.

High school	1
Grammar schools	11
Primary " "	16
Ungraded " "	5
Evening school	1

## TEACHERS.

High school (male 1, female 3)	4
Grammar schools	11



Primary schools . . . . .	16
Ungraded " . . . . .	5
Assistants . . . . .	3
Drawing teacher . . . . .	1
Evening school . . . . .	1
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Total . . . . .	41
Number of teachers, graduates of Milford High school .	29
“ “ Normal school or college	10
“ who have attended Normal school or college, [not graduates] . . . . .	6
Whole number of different teachers, assistants and substi- tutes, employed during the year . . . . .	46
Number of resignations during the year, . . . . .	4
Number of times teachers have been tardy . . . . .	23
Number of half days teachers have been absent . . . . .	160

### PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age in May, 1889 . . . . .	1,389
Decrease from May, 1888 . . . . .	16
Number registered between 5 and 15 . . . . .	1,349
Decrease from last year . . . . .	21
Number under 5 . . . . .	2
Number over 15 . . . . .	161
Total number registered during year . . . . .	1,512
Decrease from last year . . . . .	39
Average number belonging in day schools . . . . .	1,250
Average daily attendance . . . . .	1,176
Per cent of attendance to number belonging . . . . .	94.1
“ “ “ registered . . . . .	77.7
Number of half-days' absence . . . . .	24,387
“ cases of dismissal . . . . .	1,492
“ “ tardiness . . . . .	2,180
“ “ truancy reported by teachers . . . . .	64
“ “ corporal punishment reported by teachers . . . . .	122

### EVENING SCHOOL.

Average attendance from time of last report to close of school in April . . . . .	22
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Average attendance from opening of school in Nov. 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890 . . . . .	14
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### FINANCIAL.

Salaries of teachers, janitors and Superin- intendent . . . . .	\$18,488 00
Fuel . . . . .	920 36
Text-books and supplies . . . . .	1,812 79
Incidentals . . . . .	1,170 93
Ordinary repairs . . . . .	557 08
Total cost, not including special repairs . . . . .	\$22,949 16
Average cost, per pupil, based on cost and average number belonging . . . . .	18 36
Average cost, based on whole number registered . . . . .	15 17
Cost of evening school to Feb. 1, 1890 . . . . .	332 00
Average cost per pupil, based on average atten- dance [18] . . . . .	18 44

### ATTENDANCE.

Last year our percentage of attendance showed an increase of 2.4 per cent over the preceding year, and this year the attendance has been still better, raising the percentage to 94.1, which is better than it has been since 1885, when it was 94.9. During this year the percentage of attendance in the High School was 97, in the eleven Grammar Schools 94.9, in the fifteen Primary Schools 94.1, and in the five country schools 91.7.

In only two schools, the Purchase Grammar and the Silver Hill schools, did the per cent fall below 90. In each of these it was 89. The town has been very free from contagious diseases and epidemics during the year 1889, and this fact has had its influence in raising the percentage of attendance. Since the opening of the present year, the schools have been seriously affected by the prevailing epidemic of influenza, and in our next report we cannot hope to make so good a showing in this respect.

### TRUANCY.

I give here the report of Officer Burns. This officer is always prompt and efficient in the performance of his duty. From him, truants have learned that it is not wise to be absent from school without leave, and employers of children know that those

under sixteen cannot be employed without certificates. From Feb. 1, 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890, 38 certificates have been issued by the Superintendent. Of these, four were to children between the ages of 13 and 14, and 34 to those between 14 and 16.

### REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

#### GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:—

During the year I have received from the teachers 88 notices of absence of pupils. Of these 44 were found to have been absent without the consent of their parents, and were returned to school. I have returned seven boys to school from the street, and notified 60 parents or guardians of the absence of their children.

I have also visited the factories in the town every month when the schools were in session, and can say that there are now no children at work without certificates.

M. P. BURNS.

Feb. 1, 1890.

### VISITATION OF SCHOOLS.

As this report is to be a part of the report of the Committee to the town, I shall take the opportunity to say a few words to the parents, urging them to visit the schools and examine the work which is being done.

During the year 1889, we have recorded 15 visits by the Committee, 630 by the Superintendent, and 691 by parents and friends. During the year 1888, there were 821 visits by parents and friends, so that the past year shows a falling off in this respect of 130 visits. I believe this to be a matter of great import to the welfare of our schools, as I know of no greater stimulus to the teacher than the assurance that the parents are interested in the work of the schools.

### THE WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

To those having direct charge of the schools the work of the year has been very satisfactory. No radical change has been introduced, and the work has proceeded without friction and without excitement. In point of discipline, our schools are entitled to high rank, and this fact is very favorable to good work. The good disciplinarian is not always a good teacher, but no one who is weak in discipline can be a successful teacher. "Order is Heaven's first law," and it is absolutely necessary to good work in the schoolroom.



## THE HIGH SCHOOL.

As this school retains the same efficient corps of teachers as last year, and as no change has been made in the course of study, I need add nothing to what I have previously said in commendation of its work. The school maintains its former high standard of excellence, and well deserves the hearty support which it receives from the town.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

In these schools I am pleased to report a marked improvement in the amount and character of the work done. The wisdom of allowing five years, instead of four, for the work required in these schools, is very apparent. The teachers are, to a great degree, relieved from the nervous strain which was a result of the feeling that more work was required of them than could be well done.

The change from an eight to a nine years' course has permitted us to use more freedom in promotions, and this tends to a feeling of encouragement among the pupils. When we allowed only four years for the work in the grammar schools, over 60 per cent of the pupils required at least five years to do the work. This showed that many were held back at some point in their course through the schools, and obliged to repeat a year's work. This was discouraging, and gave rise to dissatisfaction among pupils and their parents. This trouble has been largely removed by lengthening the grammar school period to five years. There is a visible improvement in the time and attention given to reading and writing, and the results obtained in these important branches are more satisfactory.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These schools are of the greatest importance in our school system. If that is true which is often asserted, that the public school is the foundation of our national liberty, it is as true that the primary school is the foundation of our school system, and that faults in teaching, committed or permitted in them, can never be corrected in the higher grades.

Here the child receives his first impressions in school life; here he receives his first ideas of school, order and discipline; and here he acquires habits of attention and application, which, as



they are good or bad, will make his school life a success or a failure. The greatest care should be taken to secure the very best talent as teachers in these grades, since so much depends upon the nature of the work to be done. In these grades, good work has been done in all branches, but special improvement is to be noticed in writing and reading.

As soon as the child enters school and has learned to recognize the first word taught him, he begins to learn to write by copying the word, which is written on the board by his teacher. The success of this method depends upon the power of imitation, which is always strong in children. But as the imitative faculty is not equally strong in all children, and as no child can imitate perfectly, we cannot depend upon this alone to make good writers. The eye must be trained to see correctly, and the hand must be taught to obey the will; and it is only by keeping these facts in view that good results are obtained.

In teaching reading we work with two objects in view: first, that the pupil may be able to get the thought of the sentence by silent reading, or as commonly expressed, "by reading to himself;" secondly, that he may be able to give proper expression to that thought by reading the sentence aloud. During the first years of a child's life in school, the parent is very likely to judge of his school work by the progress which he makes in reading, and is likely to rest satisfied if the child reads aloud, fairly well, the lesson which he has that day read in the class. This is a good test, but it is not enough. The child should also be able to read silently a sentence, paragraph or story from his book, then close the book and give the thought in his own words. This is the best test of a pupil's ability to read understandingly.

This is the line of work in reading now pursued in our primary grades, and should be kept in view by the parents who examine their children in reading.

## THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

In my last report I mentioned at some length the needs of these schools in the way of maps, globes and charts. I can only say that the needs have remained about the same during the year. Each one of these five schools should be supplied with a primary reading-chart, a good globe, and a complete set of maps. During a recent visit to one of these schools I found that the only wall maps in the school were a set of Colton's Outline maps, published in 1859.

## PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

In my last report I gave considerable attention to this subject, and in the revised course of study which was given to the teachers in September, we have the following outline for this branch. This course is essentially the same as that suggested by Mr. Prince of the State Board of Education, in his "Courses of Study," and his book is in the hands of the teachers, and is used in the preparation of the oral lessons given by them.

## GRADE I.

*Period 1.*—Parts of the human body. (Prince, page 196.)

*Period 2.*—Parts of the body and movements. (Prince, page 196.)

## GRADE II.

*Period 1.*—Organs of senses. (Prince, pages 196-197.)

*Period 2.*—Organs of senses. (Prince, page 197.)

## GRADE III.

*Periods 1 and 2.*—Parts of body, movements of parts, health of parts, uses of parts. (Prince, page 197.)

## GRADE IV.

*Periods 1 and 2.*—Study of bones, muscles, skin, nerves and blood, with functions of each. (Prince, pages 175-176-177.)

## GRADE V.

*Periods 1 and 2.*—Structure of bones and skin. Names of larger bones and muscles. Clothing, care of body, cleanliness, etc.

## GRADE VI.

*Periods 1 and 2.*—Circulation of blood and respiration. (Prince, pages 175-176.)

## GRADE VII.

*Periods 1 and 2.*—Digestion; foods: kinds and uses.

## GRADE VIII.

*Period 1.*—Nervous system and special senses.

*Period 2.*—Special lessons on uses of stimulants and narcotics. (Prince, pages 181-187.)

## GRADE IX.

*Periods 1 and 2.*—A careful review of the subject. Pupils to be furnished with text-books.

In addition to, or perhaps it is better to say, in preparation for, the special lessons on stimulants and narcotics in the eighth grade, the effect of tobacco and alcohol upon the different parts and organs of the body is taught as these subjects are taken up in the lower grades.

### EVENING SCHOOL.

At the opening of this school in November, it was hoped that a large number of pupils would take advantage of the opportunity offered them to attend. But only twenty-three presented themselves as pupils. During November and December the average attendance was eighteen, but a number were affected by the epidemic early in January, and during that month the attendance was only twelve. Unless greater interest is shown another year, I think the money could be more profitably expended in some other way.

### DRAWING.

Last June, Mr. H. T. Bailey, agent of the State Board of Education, made an examination of the work in this department, and spoke in very favorable terms of the results which had been reached under the direction of Miss L. R. McLauthlin. The Committee were unable to retain the services of this teacher, and since September the work has been done under the supervision of Miss E. M. Folsom. Before Miss McLauthlin left Milford, she prepared a course of study in drawing which is included in our revised course, and which Miss Folsom has closely followed in her work in this branch of study.

### REPAIRS MADE UNDER ORDERS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF INSPECTION.

Early last April Officer J. A. Moore, of the State Board of Inspection of Public Buildings, visited Milford, and examined twelve of our schoolhouses. Shortly after his visit the Committee received instructions from the chief of the department, calling for additional stairways to be used as means of escape in case of fire, improved sanitary conditions in the out-buildings, and better means of ventilation in the schoolrooms.

All this was in accordance with Chaps. 149 and 426 of the Acts of 1888. The Committee caused to be inserted in the warrant for a special town meeting held in May, an article asking for a special appropriation to carry out these instructions. The



town voted \$1000 for this purpose. With this money the Committee have complied with that part of the orders relating to fire-escapes and out-buildings. Additional stairways were placed in the South Grammar, North Grammar, Park, and Town House buildings. The out-buildings were thoroughly repaired, and two new ones built at the North Purchase Primary school.

### VENTILATION.

Under the orders calling for better ventilation, the Committee have placed window-ventilators in all the single-room buildings, in the Town House, the South Grammar, and in three recitation rooms at the High School. These ventilators are arranged to admit fresh air at the top of the windows, and by giving an upward direction to the currents of cold air, to prevent the cold draughts from falling upon those pupils seated near the windows. I think they are doing all that we expected of them, and in the country schools where there are but few pupils will perhaps furnish all the ventilation needed. In the larger schools, where the average attendance is 40 to 50, other means of supplying fresh air must be provided.

On the twenty-eighth of last January, State Inspectors Moore and Brown made tests of the condition of the air in the rooms at the South Grammar and Park Schools. The test consists in ascertaining the proportion of carbonic acid gas contained in the air of the room. In pure air this gas is present in the proportion of four parts in one thousand. It has been decided that eight parts in one thousand is the limit to the amount which should be allowed in our schoolrooms. In the eight rooms examined on the twenty-eighth of January, the best results were obtained in room No. 1 at the South Grammar school. In this room, two window-ventilators had been open all the morning. The attendance was thirty-two, and the tests showed sixteen parts in one thousand. In the seven other rooms the amount found varied from twenty to twenty-nine parts per thousand.

On the third of February the members of the Committee received the following notice:—

To Geo. G. Parker, Geo. E. Stacy, Geo. L. Cooke, Robert H. Cochran, John J. Duggan and Charles Mackin, as they are School Committee of the Town of Milford, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—

In compliance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, on the



twenty-eighth day of January, 1890, I inspected the building known as the Park School Building, Milford, and you are hereby notified that it appears to me, after a careful inspection, that further and different sanitary provisions and means of ventilation than those now provided are required in said building, in order to conform to the provisions of Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1888. And you are hereby directed to provide better and additional means of ventilation in said building by means of brick or metallic flues or ducts, aided by heat or mechanical means.

All of which is to be done subject to the approval of this department.

JOSEPH A. MOORE,

Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings.

Approved.

RUFUS R. WADE,

Chief Inspector.

Similar orders were received regarding the South Grammar school. I am informed that in order to comply with these instructions, and obtain certificates of approval from the Board of Inspection, it will be necessary to provide an apparatus which will supply 30 cubic feet of pure warmed air per minute for each occupant of the room, or, in a room of which the seating capacity is 50, 1500 cubic feet of air per minute; and by means of brick or metallic ventilating flues or ducts, provide for the exhaustion or removal of an equal amount of air. The apparatus must also be able to maintain the temperature of the room at not less than 67 degrees Fahrenheit.

This, then, is what we are required to do, and the question arises, How can this be accomplished? The Park building, the two upper rooms of the South Grammar building, and several other schoolhouses of the town, are now ventilated by means of Robinson ventilators, which, at the time they were put in, were considered the best in use. As these ventilators admit only cold air to the rooms, they are inadequate to meet the present demands, which require that the supply of fresh air shall be warm on entering the room, in order to avoid the danger arising from cold draughts.

In the last report of the State Board of Inspection, a number of systems are mentioned in favorable terms. I will here make mention of three: The Smead System, the Fuller & Warren System, and the Mahoney-Smith System. The proprietors of these systems all claim to be able to secure the required results, although they differ somewhat in the means employed.

At present we are prepared to give only a rough estimate of the necessary expense to be incurred in making these changes. A correspondence was opened with the Fuller & Warren Co., and their agent, after an examination of the Park School building, has informed us that the expense of introducing their apparatus for warming and ventilating the building would be from \$3,000 to \$3,500, and that, if the system is to include sanitary closets in the basement, an additional sum of from \$800 to \$1000 will be needed. The letter containing this estimate reached us while the report was in press, and too late to be used by the Committee in making their estimate as given on Page 4.

### FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Last year I mentioned the fact that many of our books had been in use for a number of years and must be replaced by new ones. A large number of new books have been bought this year for this purpose. In the Secretary's report it is stated that last year's bills to the amount of \$247.95 were paid from the appropriation for this year. The greater part of this amount was for text-books and supplies. On this account the expense for this purpose is larger this year than usual. With the present school registration the yearly outlay for school supplies will be about \$1,500, or one dollar for each pupil registered.

An examination of the books in the various grades has shown the following facts: The books remain in the rooms and are used by the several classes as they pass through the grades. The result is that the books in any one room are worn only in that part which contains the subject pursued in that room. For instance, Greenleaf's Complete Arithmetic is used in each of the five grammar grades, but we find that of the books in the fifth grade only the first 50 or 60 pages are soiled, while the remainder of the books are in good condition. In the sixth grade the books are soiled from the 50th to 100th page. To remedy this evil, and to secure all the service possible from the books in use, I would suggest that when a child is furnished with a book, he should continue to use it as long as he needs such a book, or until it is unfit for use; and that when promotions are made the teachers be instructed to transfer with the pupils such books as will be needed in the grades to which they are promoted. In this way all parts of the book will be equally used, and each pupil may be held responsible for the condition of the books assigned to him.

## RESIGNATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

The following teachers resigned during the year:—

Miss M. F. Aylward,	resigned in August.
Miss E. S. Rogers,	“ July.
Miss H. A. Smith,	“ July.
Miss L. R. McLauthlin,	“ July.
Miss A. M. Plunkett,	“ September.

The following teachers were appointed:—

Miss B. J. McLoughlin	at Bear Hill.
Miss K. F. Tully	at Braggville.
Miss L. Gilfoyle	at Town House.
Miss A. M. Ames	at South Grammar.
Miss E. M. Folsom,	teacher in Drawing.

The following transfers were made:—

Miss M. J. Kelly,	from No. 3 to No. 2, South Grammar.
Miss E. O. Taylor,	from No. 4 to No. 3, South Grammar.
Miss J. F. McGann,	from Bear Hill to No. 4, Plains.
Miss E. E. Wilson,	from No. 4, Plains, to Purchase Grammar.

Miss A. B. Chapin was granted leave of absence in October on account of sickness, and since that time Miss S. M. Gorman has acted as substitute in Miss Chapin's place, in No. 1, Claflin School. During the summer term Miss L. Smith was absent on leave and her place was supplied by Miss B. J. McLoughlin.

In conclusion, I again thank the members of your Committee for their hearty support and co-operation during my term of service.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. BLODGETT,

Superintendent.



TABLE I.

Showing the total cost of each school and the average cost per pupil, based on average number belonging.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Rooms.	Average No. Belonging.	Total Cost.	Average Cost per Pupil.
High.....	5	128	\$4696 52	\$36 69
Park Grammar.....	4	176	2812 99	15 98
Plains Grammar and Prim.	4	170	2919 71	17 17
So. Grammar.....	4	146	2789 80	19 10
Purchase Grammar.....	1	26	623 65	23 98
Claflin Primary.....	4	147	2473 92	16 82
Town House Primary.....	2	105	1198 17	11 41
Chapin St. Primary.....	2	124	1317 60	10 62
West St. Primary.....	2	74	1008 53	13 62
Fountain St. Primary.....	1	20	476 76	23 83
Hoboken Primary.....	1	29	511 72	17 64
Purchase Primary.....	1	27	601 40	22 27
Silver Hill, all Grades.....	1	15	568 73	37 91
City, all Grades.....	1	13	508 88	39 14
Bear Hill, all Grades.....	1	18	479 96	26 66
Braggville, all Grades.....	1	19	487 95	25 68
Deer Brook, all Grades.....	1	15	482 80	32 18
Evening School, all Grades	1	18	332 00	18 44



TABLE II. ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS FROM JAN. 1, 1889 TO JAN. 1, 1890.

SCHOOLS.	Grade.	Total Enrollment.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percent of Attendance Belonging.	Half Days' Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	Cases of Corporal Punishment.	Cases of Truancy.	Visits by Committee.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Others.	Cases of Teachers.	TEACHERS.
HIGH.		173	128	124	97	1006	155	71		2	1	35	30	12	H. W. Lull. M. A. Parkhurst. L. B. Essex. N. Pickering.
	5-9	39	26	23	89	637	39	27	1	7	1	10	10	2	E. E. Wilson.
	8 & 9	53	39	37	97	404	26	22				26	34	2	K. E. Edwards.
PURCHASE GRAMMAR.	7	59	39	37	95	602	35	27		2		22	14	2	H. M. Broderick.
	6	54	49	47	95	1044	50	67		1	1	20	22	2	S. R. Broderick.
	5	62	49	46	95	916	36	58	2	4		18	30	1	L. Madden.
SOUTH GRAMMAR.	8 & 9	44	27	26	98	277	25	28	1	1		26	17	2	C. V. Sadler.
	7	44	34	33	97	485	110	95	2	3		25	11		M. J. Kelly.
	6	56	44	41	94	819	129	132	3	8		29	9		E. O. Taylor.
PLAINS.	5	42	41	38	92	826	98	132	2	6		26	20		A. M. Ames.
	7 & 8	40	25	24	96	398	53	62	4	3		32	10		M. F. Devine.
	5 & 6	52	46	42	93	1026	140	70	30	10	4	30	10		M. E. Cochran.
CLAFLIN.	3 & 4	49	46	43	94	949	71	66	12	5		23	3		J. L. Devine.
	1 & 2	60	53	49	93	1271	158	23	8	2		23	8		J. F. McGann.
	4	40	38	36	94	820	86	37	12	2		18	10		A. B. Chapin.
TOWN HOUSE.	3	41	35	33	94	822	73	61	5	2		19	3		L. Smith.
	2	43	33	31	93	719	47	23				18	54		K. McNamara.
	1	42	41	38	93	871	54	5		3		19	35	1	K. Chapin.
CHAPIN STREET.	3 & 4	46	43	41	96	545	85	53	1		2	24	131		A. L. Bell.
	1 & 2	65	62	53	93	1878	19	13			2	23	57		L. Gilfoyle.
	3 & 4	60	51	49	95	946	135	40	10	2		23	35		S. E. She don.
	1 & 2	85	73	67	92	2139	39	8	7	1		22	55		E. A. Devine.

WEST STREET.	3 & 4 1 & 2	32 47	31 43	30 41	97 95	418 714	27 38	27 7	3 3		1	15 15	35 23		N. M. Conely. M. F. Kirby.
FOUNTAIN STREET.	1-4	56	20	19	96	309	25	29			1	10	36		S. E. Inman.
PURCHASE PRIMARY.	1-1	34	27	25	93	756	87	20	6		1	11	21		M. L. Minon.
HOBOKEN.	1 & 2	31	29	27	93	732	42	6			1	11	16		A. A. Conroy.
SILVER HILL.		29	15	13	89	547	97	21			2	10	30	1	E. M. Waters.
CITY.		15	13	12	92	273	42	13	6			10	8		N. F. Gorman.
BEAR HILL.		22	18	16	91	570	41	15	1			11	5		B. J. McLoughlin.
BRAGGVILLE.		21	19	18	95	329	84	18	3			10	5		K. F. Tully.
DEERBROOK.		15	13	12	92	342	29	36				11	19		M. E. Whitney.
Totals,		1512	1250	1176	94.1	24387	2180	1482	122	64	15	630	691	23	

# TABLE III. TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	RESIDENCE.	SAL-ARY.
HIGH.			
	H. W. Lull,	Clafin St.	\$1700.
	M. A. Parkhurst,	Court Square,	550.
	L. B. Essex,	Franklin St.	500.
	N. Pickering,	Jefferson St.	500.
PARK GRAMMAR.			
Grades 8 and 9,	K. E. Edwards,	Summer St.	600.
Grade 7,	H. M. Broderick,	15 Pine St.	398.
Grade 6,	S. R. Broderick,	15 Pine St.	342.
Grade 5,	L. Madden,	West St.	342.
SOUTH GRAMMAR.			
Grades 8 and 9,	C. V. Sadler,	25 Pine St.	600.
Grade 7,	M. J. Kelly,	High St.	378.
Grade 6,	E. O. Taylor,	Otis St.	342.
Grade 5,	A. M. Ames,	Fruit St.	342.
PLAINS GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.			
Grades 7 and 8,	M. F. Devine,	9 Beach St.	600.
Grades 5 and 6,	M. E. Cochran,	East Main St.	378.
Grades 3 and 4,	J. L. Devine,	9 Beach St.	342.
Grades 1 and 2,	J. F. McGann,	Hayward St.	342.
CLAFLIN PRIMARY.			
Grade 4,	A. B. Chapin,	174 Main St.	468.
Grade 3,	L. Smith,	Pearl St.	342.
Grade 2,	K. McNamara,	Central St.	342.
Grade 1,	K. Chapin,	174 Main St.	342.
TOWN HOUSE PRIM.			
Grades 3 and 4,	A. L. Bell,	Highland Square,	342.
Grades 1 and 2,	L. Gilfoyle,	High St.	342.
CHAPIN ST. PRIMARY.			
Grades 3 and 4,	S. E. Sheldon,	Franklin St.	342.
Grades 1 and 2,	E. A. Devine,	9 Beach St.	342.
WEST ST. PRIMARY.			
Grades 3 and 4,	N. M. Conely,	Thayer St.	342.
Grades 1 and 2,	M. T. Kirby,	Pond St.	342.
FOUNTAIN ST. PRIM.			
Grades 1 to 4,	S. E. Inman,	Taylor St.	377.
PURCHASE PRIM.			
Grades 1 to 4.	M. L. Minon,	High St.	414.
PURCHASE GRAM.			
Grades 5 to 9,	E. E. Wilson,	Main St.	432.
HOBOKEN PRIMARY.			
Grades 1 and 2,	A. A. Conroy,	East St.	342.
UNGRADED.			
Silver Hill,	E. E. Waters,	Carroll St.	414.
City,	N. F. Gorman,	Main St.	414.
Bear Hill,	B. J. McLoughlin,	Main St.	342.
Braggville,	K. F. Tully,	East Main St.	342.
Deer Brook,	M. E. Whitney,	Grant St.	342.
Drawing,	E. M. Folsom,	Franklin St.	400.
Evening,	S. F. Blodgett,	School St.	\$4 night.
Assistants and Substitutes.	{ S. M. Gorman, B. F. Powers, E. Flaherty,	{ Main St. Main St. Hayward St.	{ \$4 week when emp. as Assis't.



GRADUATING EXERCISES  
OF THE  
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL,  
1889.

Knowledge is not wisdom, but it makes the higher wisdom possible.—  
*Dr. Pullman.*

Chorus\*—Praise Be to God, *C. H. Rinck*  
Modern Samsons, *Hartwell B. Spaulding*  
High School Days,  
Eliza A. Flaherty, Sadie F. Toomey,  
Lottie M. Waterman, A. Louise Whitney,  
Florence Ethel Whitney.

Knowledge, like the fairy's wand, ennobles whatever it touches.—*Prof.*  
*I. P. Cooke.*

Chorus—The Erl King, *Dr. Callcott*  
Why Do They Come? *Agnes T. Connolly*  
Combustion: Heat and Flame,  
John E. Burke, John J. Casey,  
James E. Fitzgerald, Richard P. Hoey,  
P. Joseph Martin, Thomas J. Murphy.  
Heroes and Heroines, *Lulu E. Haskins*

Schoolhouses are less expensive than rebellions.—*Garfield.*

Chorus—Lightly My Bark, *Minard*  
Our National Flower, *Nellie A. Goldsmith*  
Our Country: Her Natural Resources,  
H. Theodora Clark, Clara F. Conely,  
Frederick A. Gould, Mabel L. Mayhew,  
James Lester Morgan.

New England, *Ethelwyn Blake*  
Presentation of Diplomas, *Chairman G. G. Parker*  
Chorus—Ode, *Written by Sadie F. Toomey*  
*Music by Arthur Foote.*

\*Accompaniments by *Essie G. Wilber, '90.*

The worth of your knowledge is to be measured by the extent to which  
it educates your higher nature and elevates you in the scale of manhood.—  
*Prof. Cooke.*



# GRADUATES OF 1889.

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## COMPLETE FOUR-YEAR DIPLOMAS.

ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

Ethelwyn Blake,	James Edward Fitzgerald,
Nellie Abbie Goldsmith,	Patrick Joseph Martin,
Hartwell Ballou Spaulding,	Lottie Marion Waterman.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

Lillian Angeline Bradford,	John Edward Burke,
Hattie Theodora Clark,	Clara Frances Conely,
Agnes Theresa Connolly,	Eliza Agnes Flaherty,
Frederick Arthur Gould,	Lulu Eunice Haskins,
Mabel Louise Mayhew,	Thomas Joseph Murphy.

## PARTIAL DIPLOMAS.

(Given for incomplete courses.)

ENGLISH, FRENCH AND LATIN.

John Joseph Casey,	Richard Patrick Hoey,
Mabelle Agnes Tarbell,	Sadie Filomena Toomey,
Amy Louise Whitney,	Florence Ethel Whitney.

CLASSICAL.

James Lester Morgan.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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WINTER TERM.—High School :—Begins Dec. 30, 1889.

Closes March 21, 1890.

Vacation, one week.

Other Schools :—Begin Jan. 6.

Close March 14.

Vacation, two weeks.

SPRING TERM.—High School :—Begins March 31.

Closes June 20.

Vacation, ten weeks.

Other Schools :—Begin March 31.

Close June 6.

Vacation, twelve weeks.

FALL TERM.—High School :—Begins Sep. 2.

Closes Dec. 19.

Vacation, one week.

Other Schools :—Begin Sep. 2.

Close Dec. 19.

Vacation, two weeks.

WINTER TERM.—High School :—Begins Dec. 29.

Other Schools :—Begin Jan. 5, 1891.

## SCHOOL SESSIONS.

HIGH SCHOOL.—November to April, 8.30 A. M., to 1. 30 P. M.

April to November, 8 A. M. to 1 P. M.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1.30 to 4 P. M.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1.30 to 3.30 P. M.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.—9 A. M. to 12 M.; 1 to 3.30 P. M.

HOLIDAYS.—Fast Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day, and the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.

This year Washington's Birthday falls on Saturday.

STORM SIGNALS.—The steam whistle at B. H. Spaulding's factory, two blasts sounded four times (11-11—11-11). When this signal is sounded at 8 A. M., there will be no morning session. When it is sounded at 12.30 P. M., there will be no afternoon session. When it is sounded at 8 A. M., and not repeated at 12.30 P. M., there will be an afternoon session.

# TOWN WARRANT.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either Constable of the Town of Milford, in said County,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the third day of March, 1890, punctually at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. All officers to be voted for upon one written or printed ballot, and the use of the check list.

Article 3. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 4. To hear and act upon the reports of Selectmen, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Engineers of the Fire Department, and any other officers and committee of said Town.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the year ensuing.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year.

Article 7. To determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the treasury the year ensuing, and to fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for collecting the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay town debt, or any part thereof; or take any action in relation to said debt.



Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate one hundred dollars towards defraying the expense of Memorial Day.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appoint the Selectmen to take charge and control of all legal proceedings in which the Town shall be interested.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1889, and if so, how much.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to build an addition to the barn at the Town Farm and make other necessary repairs thereon, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall one night in each week, in the interest of temperance and labor.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to extend the Lincoln street sewer from where it now terminates to the Milford & Hopkinton railroad.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the parade drill of the Fire Department.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to establish a Fire Alarm Telegraph, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to extend the concrete sidewalk on East Main street, to Medway street.

Article 18. To see if the Town will establish a police force of not less than four men, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to purchase new settees for the Town Hall.

Article 20. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a Town seal.

Article 21. To see if the Town will accept and allow the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of an extension of Vine street.

Article 22. To see if the Town will accept and allow the re-



port of the Selectmen on the laying out of an extension of Parkhurst street.

Article 23. To see if the Town will establish a salary for any or all of the Town Officers, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to paint the Town House, and to fit up suitable offices therein for each board of Town Officers, in which to do Town business.

Article 25. To see if the Town will reimburse Hannah Crowley for sidewalk betterment paid in 1888, in excess of the amount which was required by law.

And you are hereby directed to serve This Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses and at the Post-Office in said Town; also cause an attested copy to be published in the Milford Daily Journal, Milford Daily News, Milford Gazette, and the Milford Times, newspapers printed in said Town, two Sabbaths at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof Fail Not, and make due return of this warrent with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Milford, this fourteenth day of  
February, A. D., 1890.

E. L. WIRES, } Selectmen  
AMARIAH A. TAFT, } of Milford.

A true copy. Attest:

O. D. HOLMES,

Constable of Milford.

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